

August 2, 2016

Frank Mann: Ladies And Gentlemen, We Are At Our August 2nd Regular Meeting Following A Month Rest In July, So We Have Five Eager, Excited, Well-Rested Commissioners Up Here Ready To Take On The Responsibilities Of Lee County, And I Know We'll Do A Superb Job With All The Rest We Just Enjoyed. We Will Begin This Meeting As We Begin All Of Our Meetings With An Invocation, Which Is Going To Be Preceded By A Moment Of Silence, And Let Me Take The Privilege As The Chair To Say A Little Bit About The Fellow. It's Listed On Our Agenda George Wheaton Left Us During Our Break. George Was A Stellar Volunteer For Lee County, Having Spent Years On The 2020 Advisory Committee, Which Has Performed Work Over The Years In The Time That He Has Served On It. He Has Served On It Since It Was Put Together Many Years Ago. Personally I Would Like To Add That I Have Known Him Since I Was 11 Years Old, And He Was 14. He Was The Senior Patrol Leader In Scout Troop 29 Of Which I Was A Member, Which Met Three Blocks Over Here At The First Presbyterian Church. He Was A Leader Then. He Turned Out To Be An Outstanding Athlete, Was A Back Field Defensive Player For The Greenies In 1956, Which I Believe Was An Undefeated Team That Year. Ran Track Like A Rocket. He Was An Honorable, Honest, Hard-Working County-Loving Citizen, And I Take It As A Very Personal Loss As Do So Many People. There Was A Large Turnout At The Funeral. I Appreciate That On Behalf Of The Family. I Share That. With Those Comments, Reverend Poe, Gregory Poe, Would You Join Us For Your First Visit Here, And Will You Rise And Then Remain Standing After The Prayer. Thank You.

Please Bow Your Heads. Father, We Thank You For This Day And This Opportunity To Come Before You. We Thank You For The Guidance That You Gave Us, Mr. Wheaton, And We Thank You For The Time He Spent In This County And Amongst These People And Has Blessed Many. We Pray A Special Blessing Over His Family, His Wife, And His Children Who Are Surviving Him. Father God, We Thank You That We Are Gathered Here Today With A Specific Purpose To Make Sure That The City Continues To Function As You Desired It To Function. We Thank You, Father, That All That Is Brought Before This Council Will Be Met With Wisdom. Many Men Who Have A Lot To Be Said, Many Women Who Have A Lot To Input, And We Thank You That All That Is Done And All That Is Said Will Continue Glorify The People Of This City. In The Scriptures You Said That Citizens Ought To Obey The Governing Authority. Since You Have Established Those That Are In Authority, And Because Of That We Pray That Our Mayor For The Various Levels Of The City, We Pray For Our Mayor, And We Pray For The Various City Officials And Particularly This Particular -- This Assembly, And I Would Ask You To Grant Them The Wisdom To Kovrn Over The Issues Of Our Time And The Welfare For The People. A Thirst For Trust And Righteousness, Confidence In What Is Good And Fitting, The Ability To Work Together In Harmony Even When There Is Honest Disagreement. And Personal Peace In Their Lives And Joy In Their Tasks. I Pray For The Agenda Set Before Them Today. Please Give An Assurance Of What Would Please You And What Would Benefit Notices Who Live And Work In And Around Our City Of Fort Myers. It Is In Your Most Blessed Name That We Pray, Amen.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Pastor. I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands, One Nation Under God, Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All. Thank You And Be Seated. Now A Ritual That I Know Everyone Has Missed, But We're Going To Perform It Again This Morning. Let Me Recognize Our Own In-House Teddy Bear, Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You, Chairman. Rita Max To The Floor, Please. Rita Mack. The Attendee This Morning. He Is A Pitcher. He Is 7 Years Old. Make A Cute Little Lap Dog. Tell Us What's Going On This Month And What Activities Are Going On At The Domestic Animal Services.

Our August Adoption Promotion Is Pet Olympic Deals. We Have Gold Medal, Silver Medal, And Bronze Medal Fees, So Check Those Out. Then Each Day When The U.S. Wins Gold, We'll Have Some Deeper Discounts Too. He Is A Great Little Dog. You Said 7, But For A Dog It's Not That Old. He Could Stand To Lose A Couple Of Pounds, So Somebody Help Him.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You. You Have A Full House Right Now? How Are The Adoptions Over The Summer?

We Still Have A Full House Because It Is Kitten Season.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You For Everything You Do, And Thank You -- Hopefully Somebody Watching Will Be Able To From Adopt Andy And You'll Find A Good Home For Him. Thank You. Thank You, Mack.

John Manning: He Went Right To You, Rog, By The Way. Just Saying.

Frank Mann: This Is Always A Special Event As We Begin Each Month With A Similar Ceremony. Thanks For All Our Department Gives These Critters And Helping To Find Homes For Them. Let Me Take The Privilege Of The Chair Just To Salute Two Recently Retired Employees Before We Go To The Recap. Gloria Sayo Has Headed Up Historic Preservation And Has Pinch-Hit In A Lot Of Different Roles. She's Retired On Us. As Did Pam Halk Who Had The Distinguished Honor Of Being The Longest Serving County Employee With 45 Total Years. Pam And Gloria, Thank You For All You Did. 75 Years Of Combined Service By The Two Of Them. Let's Give Them A Big Applause. [Applause]

Frank Mann: Let's Look At The Recap. I Have Three Items. 15, 16, 17. Staff Wants To Do A Little More Work. As We Defer, I Need A Motion To So Do. Motion By Manning, Second By Hamman. Is There Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. With That Let's Look For Agenda Items If The Board Would Like To Pull.

John Manning: None.

Cecil Pendergrass: None.

Frank Mann: I Have None.

Frank Mann: That's The Trim Notice And Properly So. Thank You, Commissioner Kiker. Can I -- Are There Members Of Public? I Have Quite A Number Of Cards. Most Of You Intend To Speak At The End Of The Meeting On Items That Are Close To Your Heart, But Not On The Agenda. Do I Have Public That Wants To Speak On An Agendaed Item? Bring Forth To The Man In The Dark Blue Suit. Mr. Anderson, That Was You Waving Back There? Okay. Well, I Tell You, Hang On Just A Second. Let Me Make -- Let's -- We'll Get Everything Out Of The Way And Since The Commission Is Going To Take Up Item One As The First One. Item One. Item One. Mr. Mohammed, You Want To Speak At The End On Items Of Public Interest? For The Item Number One On The Trim Notice. Okay. We Will Include You With That Group. Well, Let's Hear Public Input On Item One, And Then We'll Take It Up For Consideration By The Commission Before We Vote, Of Course. That Work?

Brian Hamman: We Have An Introduction From The County Manager On What Item One Is.

Frank Mann: Well, Sure. Go Ahead, Commissioner Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Perhaps Maybe We Want To Go Ahead And Take Input On All The Items That We're Going To Pass On Consent Agenda First And Then Take Item One.

Frank Mann: Well, This Was My Offer, I Thought, To The Public To Speak On Any Item On The Agenda, Which I Got No Response There.

Larry Kiker: All Right.

Frank Mann: So The Trim Notice, You Want To Give Us A Quick Summary Of What Trim Is All About, Mr. Desjarlais, And Welcome Back. He Is An Injured Reserve. He Bought Himself A New Knee While We Were On Vacation, And He Is Jumping Around Like An Athlete. Welcome Home, And We Hope You Speed And Good Healing.

Thank You. It's A Miracle. It's Tough Getting Old. Commissioners, Item Number One Asks You To Set The Preliminary Millage Rate. As You Know, The Millage Rate That You Set Today, You Set It As You See Fit Either At The Existing Rate, Which Can Then Be Lowered During The Public Hearings, But No Matter How You Set The Millage Rate, It Cannot Be Increased By The Time We Get To Public Hearings, So The Rate That You Set Today Will Be The Highest Rate Available For The Fiscal Year 16-17. And That's The Item.

Frank Mann: Well, It Is The Obligatory Trim Hearing That We're About Today. It's Required By Law That We Set These Rates, And We Certainly Like To Do It With Assistance Of The Public, And We Have Five Or Six Here That Would Like To Speak To This Issue Before The Commission Takes It Up And Finalizes Its Action. Mr. Abdul Mohammed, You Got Last, But The Last Shall Be First This Morning. Come And Speak To Us On The Trim Notice.

Good Morning, Commissioners. This Particular Item Is Very Dear To Our Heart. As You Know, We've Had An Opportunity To Have What I Felt Was Substitute Discussion With All Of The County Commissioners Regarding The Events That Takes Place In Our County And Our City. We Have Articulated With Statistics And Data For Each Of You The Urgent Need To Redirect Dollars. We Have Discussed With You Community Progress And Establishing A Children's Service Council That Exists In Eight Counties Throughout The State Of Florida. Those Children's Services Councils Are Providing Needy Services For Those Communities. We Hope That We Have Presented A Very Thoughtful Forward-Thinking Solution To Many Of The Problems That Young People Are Experiencing In The Communities. We Have Identified Eight Areas At Least -- At Least Eight Years Starting From The Sun Coast Estate Area, Dunbar Community, Theiss, Charleston Park, Central Fort Myers, Harlem Heights Area, And We Have Identified Pockets In The Lehigh Area And Growing Pockets In The Cape Corral Area. We Felt That We Have Presented A Very Responsible Alternative And Solution To Generate Dollars That Will Address The Underserved Areas That I Just Described. My Conversation And Others With You, We Left Out At That Work Session And Private Conversation Feeling That There Is A Consciousness, There Is An Understanding Of A Sense Of Urgency To Provide Resources For These Areas. I Don't Have To Tell You The Headlines "16 People Killed," And It Continues Over And Over And Over Again, And When You See These Killings, It's Simply An Effect Of A Cause, And We Feel That Resources Are Needed This These Areas To Stem The Trend Of Balance That Creates Opportunities For Children, For Education, And A Future, And We Feel That's A Legitimate Way. As You Know, That Process Will Not Take Place Until 2018, But We Were Very Disturbed To See In The News That They Would Be Redirecting A Return Of Dollars And Cutting Of Tax When Already The County Has Demonstrated A

Significant Amount Of Resources And With The Collective Effort Of The Citizenry And The Commission And Your Staff, We Feel That We Can Come Up With A Viable Solution, A Responsible Solution To Address Many Of Their Issues That We're Having. We Feel That Between Now And The 2018, Those Dollars That You Are Discussing Regarding The Abalorian Tax, And The Roll-Back, Et Cetera, Can Serve In A Most Responsible Way And Address These Causes In The Most Responsible Way. So I'm Here To Urge The Commissioners To Give Thought To Those Dollars And To Sit With Citizens In Order To Bring About A Solution That Would At Least Begin To Show Consideration And Sensitivity To Our Community.

Frank Mann: Thank You So Much For All Of You Do For Our Community, Mr. Mohammed.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: This Would Give Me An Opportunity To Do Two Things. Remind Everybody Who Wants To Speak. You Have Three Minutes, And You'll See The Little Warning Light Go On When You Are About Out Of Time, And The Red Light Comes On. That Means You Need To Close It Down. Before The Chairman Makes Any Serious Mistakes, I Think It's In Order To Have A Motion At This Time To Adopt The Balance Of The Consent Agenda. So Moved. Seconded By Pendergrass. Objection To That? Show It Adopted. Now, Mr. Anderson. Dick Anderson. All Of These Speakers Will Be Addressing The Item We're On, The Trim Notice.

Good Morning.

Frank Mann: Good Morning.

I'm Here To Address The Millage Rate Item And Ask You To Reconsider The Lowering Of The Millage Rate. Last Week Our Community Made National And International Headlines For The Tragic Mass Shooting That Left Two Of Our Children Dead And Many Others Wounded. I Attended A Solidarity Vigil At The Quality Of Life Center In Dunbar Where Community Leaders Met To Pray And Speak About How We Can Better Protect Our Children. The Continued Tragic Loss Of Life To Poverty And Violence In Our Underserved Communities Has Motivated Me To Speak To You Today. A Few Years Ago Lee County Spent \$50 Million To Build A New Jail. That Jail Is Already Nearing Capacity. For A Fraction Of The Cost Of Another New Jail Facility, We Could Invest In Desperately Needed Social Services To Reduce Poverty And Crime In Order To Provide Greater Safety For Our Children. These Pro Active Investments And Programs For Underserved Children Already Made By Other Local Governments Have Demonstrated A Fiscal Efficiency Seven Times Greater Than Our Current Reactive Approach, Like Building More Jails. If We Were To Poll Our Lee County Constituents On Community Priorities, I Believe That Addressing The Health And Safety Of Our Children, Especially In Minority Communities, Would Be Of High Priority. I Also Believe That The Tax Cuts Which Are Considered Now Would Not Even Finish In The Top Ten Of Our Community's Priorities. Like Places At The Quality Of Life Center In Dunbar Have Told Me About The Potential In Teaching Self-Respect To Our Disadvantaged Children. Do You Believe That What Happens To The Least Of Us Happens To All Of Us? Do You Believe That None Of Us Are Better Than The Most Disadvantaged Of Our Brothers And Sisters? If You Do, Then Please As Leaders Of Our Community Ask Yourself, Am I Doing Everything In My Power To Protect The Health And Safety Of Our Children? Our Need Is Urgent. We Can Make A Smart Business Decision Now And Prioritize Funding To Save Our Kids. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Anderson. Mary Watford-Arms. We'll Be Pleased To Hear From You, Ms. Arms.

Good Morning, Everyone. I'm Glad You Had A Great Vacation, And You Are All Well Rested. I'm Going To Read There So I Won't See The Red Light Come On.

Frank Mann: I'll Wave Real Big.

Okay. My Name Is Mary Watford-Arms, And I And My Family Have Been Residents And Property Owners In Lee County For Over 25 Years. I'm Here Today To Encourage You In Your Leadership Role -- And I Thank You Very Much For That -- To Invest In The Future Of All Our Residents And Improve Their Well-Being Before Making A Reduction In Taxes. There Is Evidence-Based Research That A Dollar Put Forward For Prevention Saves \$7 In The Future. Lee County Spends One-Third Per Capita Less For Human Services Than Many Of Our Florida Counties. On May 3rd At A Bocc Workshop A Children's Services Council Was Discussed. In The Pinnings Of Community Progress Encourages You All To Look At This Model Program. It's Been Found That This Model Program, Children's Services Council, And I've Had An Opportunity To Work With It In Other Counties In My Previous Employment, Has Been Successful In Many Other Counties That Exist. It Must Be Noted That The Last Human Services Need Assessment Was Done Over 11 Years Ago. Most Certainly A Lot Has Changed In Lee County Over These 11 Years. Some For The Good, And Some For The Bad. We Can Only Note It When We Turn On Our News. While Lee County Has Been Good To Me And My Family, I Want It To Be Good To All Of Lee County Residents. There Are 27.5% Of Our Children Living In Poverty. There Are Many Pockets Of People In Lee County That Have 65% Of Employment, And There Are Many Households That Barely Get By. So While We Want To Attract Businesses To Lee County, Businesses Don't Just Look At The Tax Rate. They Look At Having A Safe, A Skilled, And Healthy Environment For Their Business Families. Please Prioritize The Elimination Of Poverty And Violence By Providing Needed Services For All -- Not Just My. All Our Children And Families.

Frank Mann: Ms. Arms, Thank You Very Much. I Think That's A Good Place To Close And Your Little Red Light Is On.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You For Being With Us This Morning.

Okay.

Cecil Pendergrass: We Got That Letter Too. We Got That E-Mail Several Times. Thank You.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Dr. Lewis Robinson. Good Morning, Sir.

Good Morning. Commissioners, Thank You For Allowing Me To Speak. Thank You, Ladies And Gentlemen, For Being Here Also. I Realize That This Is A Very Difficult Subject. Many Will Discuss The Aspects Of This Regarding Violence. You're Returning The Excess That You Have Now. I Think It's A -- Process. We Need To Do Something About The Other Violences Like That. The Physical Violences We Hear About And We Talk About, But The Poor And Minorities Suffer Many Violences. That's The One I Want You To Look At Right Now. Absence Of Health Care. We Know About The Expansion. We Know About The Other Services Of Health Care That Are Not Being Provided. We Just Mentioned The Aspect Of Poverty, Which We Often Get Fixated On The Minimum Wage. The Minimum Wage Does Not Nearly Address, And Even If We Take It To \$15, Would Never Address The Problem That We Are Seeing In Our Communities. Our Schools Are Basically Deficient. We Are Graduating People Particularly In The Minorities, 40% To Almost 50% Of The Kids Graduate From High School. They End Up On The Street. What Is The Next Process For Them? Violence. The Other Aspect Is Mass Incarceration Because They Have No Jobs. We Just Mentioned The Problem Of

High Unemployment. We Need To Do Something About Mass Incarcerations And Income Inequality, The Previous Subject That I Just Mentioned. We Have Absence Of Parenting In The Households. They Can't Be There And Be In Jail At The Same Time. They're Incarcerated For Minor Offenses Which Ends Up Being Major Offenses Primarily It Becomes In The System As They Problem Because They Have No Resource. Yet, Only Seen By A Prosecutor Who Then Gets Them On That Treadmill For Three Times You Are Out. We Need To Do Something About Policing In The Areas Where It Is An Imprisonment. Minority Communities Are Under That. Okay. We Need To Think About Directing The Money To The Needs Of The Community. Right Now In Harlem Heights They're Facing Flooding Because Of Over Building, And They Are Now, I Understand, A Proposal To Build 200 New Homes Over There, And People Right Now Are Going -- Worried About The Wetlands Being Inundated Into Their Properties. These Are Just Problems In Other Areas Of The County Are Having The Same Problems. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Dr. Robinson, Very Much For Being Here With Us This Morning. Nido Anaya. Was I Close? Oh, My Goodness.

Good Morning, Commissioners. My Name Is Giyo Anaya. We Develop And Deliver Training For Fortune 500s Around The World. I Have An Instructor Who Has Been There In Manila This Week, And He Opens Up The Paper In Manila And Says, Hey, Don't You Live In Fort Myers? I Go, Yeah, Yeah, Why. You Guys Made The Manila Newspaper. We Know Why, Right? I Echo The Comments That Have Been Made, And I'll Add To That That 26% Of Our Students Do Not Graduate High School, Right? 30% Of Our Latino Students Do Not Graduate High School. 39% Of Our African-American Students Do Not Graduate High School. 50% Of Our Haitian-American Students Do Not Graduate High School In Lee County. Right? So These Points About An Investment Now With Regard To Poverty Is What We Need From An Educational Pipeline Perspective To Be One Of The Solutions. We Cannot Live With These Graduation Numbers. From An Economic Development Perspective, The Fortune 500s That I Work With In My Career And I Work With Now, They're Not Going To Invest In A Community With These Types Of Graduation Rates, And We Have The Opportunity Now To Be Part Of That Solution With A Minor Investment In Curbing The Poverty Issue. I Urge You As My Colleagues Have Presented Here To Hopefully Make A Wise And Just Decision. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You For Being With Us This Morning. Larry Aguilar.

Good Morning. Gentlemen, I'm A Bit Surprised At -- We're Talking About A Millage Tax Cut When, In Fact, The City Of Fort Myers Is Screaming Out At You To Take Action With All The Violence That's Taking Place Right Now. It's Easy To Vilify The Person Who Has The Gun, But If We Look At Where That Person Was 10, 15 Years Ago When They Were Children, And You See The Problems We're Facing Today We Were Facing Then. It Was Not Taken Care Of Then, And Now We're Having Those Same Problems Today. In Particular, I'm A Little Bit Surprised In That We Want To Compete To Be The County With The Lowest Millage Rate. Yet, We're Not Competing For Services In Human Services. I Think The Last Time That We Met We Presented To You All That The County Of Lee Is Dead Last In The State Of Florida In The Amount Of Money That Is Spent On Human Services. I Would Think That If We're Competitive That That Would Be An Area That We Would Like To Compete Also. But That Doesn't Appear To Be The Case Because Now We're Advocating For This Tax Cut When, In Fact, The City Of Fort Myers Is Screaming For Services. The Reason Why We Have Violence In The Streets, Because There Are Many Folks Out There That Do Not Have Alternatives. We Can Argue About The Reasons What That Is, But I Can Tell I Work At A Place Where We Have The Same Type Of Individuals And We're Able To Work With Them So That They Understand That There Are Alternatives. Unfortunately, It Does Cost Money. Every Time We Come And We Speak To Governmental Groups, One Of The Things That Repeatedly Gets Said Is That You Can't Throw Money At Problems. You Can't Throw

Money At Programs. That Seems To Be The Cliche Thing To Say To Kind Of Just Wave Us Off, But The City Of Fort Myers Is Screaming. You Guys Need To Be Listening. We're Growing By 1,000 People Every Month. A Lot Of Those Folks Are Not Going To Have Jobs When They Get Here, So How Are You Going To Answer That? That Is The Question That I Have For You. How Are You Going To Answer That.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Aguilar. Thank You Very Much. Are There Others That Would Like To Address This Issue? This Is The Public's Opportunity To Address The Trim Notice. I See One Hand. Would You See Two Hands? This Is Your Last Chance. Person In The Blue.

Brian Hamman: You Can Fill The Card Out After.

Frank Mann: Announce Your Name And Address, Please, And Then Fill Out The Little Card When You Are Through. You Have Three Minutes.

My Name Is Crystal Johnson. I'm Addressing Item One, I Believe It Is.

Frank Mann: Right.

I Just Want To Say That I Am A Resident Of The Dunbar Community. I Have Teenage Children, And I As A Mother -- I Have A Fear For My Children. As Far As I Can See, Mr. Mohammed's Program "Quality Life" Is An Excellent Program, But We Don't Have Anything Other Than His Program That Cannot Service The Whole Entire Community And Area, So I'm Asking That You All Do Not Cut Taxes, Continue To Try To Come Up With A Resolution To Help Our Children, My Children, Who Are Still Young, And I Just Feel Like We Deserve A Chance To Try To Get -- Do Better. No One Is Really Taking That Extra. As A Mother, I Am Coming To You To Say, Yes, Please Do Not Cut Taxes. Continue To Believe That We Can Turn This Around And Do Better. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Ms. Johnson. If You Would Fill Out That Little Card And Leave It Up Here Towards The Front, Please. What Other Gentleman Did I See? Yes. Name And Address, Please.

Jim Brantley. 5205 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Commissioners, I'm On The Board Of Pennies For Community Progress, And I'm Here To Ask You To Consider, Strongly Consider, Providing Additional Funding In This Budget For Human Services, Particularly For A Variety Of Programs That We Know In The Short-Term Can Have An Impact On What's Going On In Our Community. It's Said That The Definition Of Insanity Is Doing The Same Thing Over And Over And Over And Expecting A Different Result. We've Been Funding Human Services Pretty Much The Same Way They're Being Funded In This Budget For A While Now. We Have To Look Around The Community And Say Is This The Result We Want? If It's Not, Are We Expecting A Different Result If We Fund It In The Same Way Moving Forward? Now, I Agree With Mr. Aguilar. Money Is Not Always The Answer. Throwing Money Blindly At A Problem Isn't The Answer. Pennies For Community Progress Is Putting Kind Of A Scientific Look At And Studying And Spending Time On Trying To Address And Identify The Root Problems, As Many Of Them As Possible, And Provide Some Long-Term Solutions, But Those Solutions Probably Aren't Going To Be Before You Or This Community For A Couple Of Years. So We Have At Least This Budget And Maybe Another Budget Between Now And The Time Long-Term Solutions Can Be Adopted. In That Interim What We Know Is That Lee County Residents Have Kind Of Been Getting The Deal On The Human Services Part Of This Budget For A Number Of Years, And That's Good, But There's An Elephant In The Room. What We Do Know In The Short-Term While We Haven't Identified All Of The Root Causes For What's Going On In This Community, We Know That Some Of Them Deal With Providing Youth Alternatives, And We Have Current Programs Right Now That Are

Underfunded That Have Waiting Lists Who Cannot Take Children From Parents Who Want Them In These Programs To Give Them Alternatives. That's At Least Addressing One Root Cause. I Urge You In The Short-Term In This Budget Cycle To Increase Human Services Funding, Provide Human Services, A United Way To Fund These Programs. I Thank You For Your Time.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Brantley. One Last -- Yes. We're Going To Give The Last Call For The Public To Speak On Item Number One, The Trim Notice.

Leo The Artist.

Frank Mann: Is That Your Official Last Name?

No. It's Leo Stack. Leo Stack.Com. I Done About 13, Maybe 11 In The District Office In Murals. If You Ever Go In The District Office, You'll See A School Bus That I Did For Nancy Graham. I Have Done A Lot Of The Schools, Dunbar High, Did The Tiger.

Frank Mann: Thank You. We Got Who You Are. Talk To Us About Item One.

Well, I Think That When You Talk About Problems Where Money Should Go, Truthfully I Have Been In A Lot Of The Schools, And I Was Amazed When I Was Doing Dunbar That They Was Unpacking, Like, About \$300,000 Worth Of Computer Controlled Devices, 3-D Printers, And, Wow, That Place Is, Like, A University, And I Commend Everybody For That. Where I See A Problem Is Really In The Community And Where Money Should Go Is That I Was Just Downtown Where A Father Was Sitting Outside With Tears In His Eyes Because His Son Was Representing Himself Trying To Get Custody Of His Children. A Lot Of These Children Don't Have Daddies, And A Lot Of Daddies Don't Have Kids. I Haven't Seen My Kids For Six And A Half Years Here In Lee County, And I Have A Statewide Badge To Go Into Any School In The County. Last Time I Seen My Kids Was Doing The School District Office At Mcdonald's Through The Drive-Thru Where They Were Being Slapped For Waving At Dad. This Is What's Going On. Domestic Violence. Men Can't Get Support For Lawyers. I Think Some Of The Money Needs To Go To Them, And Those Daddies Are Going To Tell Those Boys To Pull Their Panties Up And Respect People, And Those Dads Are Being Taken Away. That's All I Got To Say. If That Makes Any Sense, Let's Get Some Money To Support These -- Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You Very Much. You Can Carry That With You And Fill That Out.

And I'm An Artist, So Have Mercy On Me.

Cecil Pendergrass: Did You Stop By My Office Last Week And Say You Just Got Out Of Jail.

I Was Arrested And Beaten Bloody By The Lee County Department Here And They Dropped The Charges. Thank You. You Don't Want To Hear That I'm Sure.

Cecil Pendergrass: Have A Good Day. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You.

You're Welcome.

Frank Mann: Okay. I'm Going To Close Public Input. I Think We've Had A Good Representation Of Our Community And A Consistent Message. We're Back On The Commission Now, And This Deserves A Little Time By Us, And Mr. Kiker, Let's Begin With You. You Pulled This Item.

Larry Kiker: Thank You Very Much, Mr. Chairman, And I Think At This Point In Time I Would Kind Of Like To Separate The Discussion A Little Bit Because Certainly We Want To Talk About The Trim And Where We're Going To Go With That, But Having Said That, We've Obviously Had Some Very Good Comments From Some Folks Over The Concern For Public Safety And Our Children And I Think Maybe We Ought To Explore That A Little Bit. There's Been Some Numbers That Have Been Kicked Around. I Would Like To Clarify Those If Possible Because I Know You All Weren't Exactly Ready For This, But Maybe You Can Help Out. First Of All, I'm Going To Say That I Got Chastised By Larry -- Because I Actually Qualified For A Penny For Lapel Pin, And So I'm In Trouble Already Because I Don't Have It On Today. I'll Have It On Next Time, Larry. Some Of The Things That I've Heard Is That Our County Was Dead Last In Terms Of Spending Money On Human Services. I've Also Heard The Number That We're 27 Out Of 67. A Big Difference. Does Anybody Have Any Comment On That At All?

Frank Mann: Go Ahead.

Thank You. I'm Pretty Sure As You Said We Really Weren't Prepared To Get Into A Detailed Conversation Today Because We're Working Out These Items As This Issue As You Instructed It During A Work Session A Couple Of Months Ago. I Think We Can Give You Some General Managers That Might Help With That, So, Chris, Can You Help Us With The Answer? It Or Roger.

Why Don't I Kick It Over To Pete To First Talk About What We Have As Far As Numbers Are Concerned, And Then I Can Go Back And Tell You What We're Working On Right Now.

Larry Kiker: That Would Be Great.

I Don't Know That We're Dead Last In Human Services Funding. We Spend \$31 Million A Year In Human Services, Which Is About 8% Of The General Fund. We Also Do Significant Amount Of Spending In Parks And Recreation, Transit, Public Transit With The Transportation Disadvantaged Program. We Spend On Juvenile Justice Who Through Our Sharing With The State, So I'm Not Sure Where That Dead Last Comes From. I Know There Was A Percentage Out There Of Our Total Budget Of Human Services Spending, But It Included All Of Our Business Units, Which Is -- It Misrepresents What We Really Spend Because We Have Business Units That Many Or All Other Counties Don't Have.

Larry Kiker: Okay. As A Follow-Up, Mr. Chairman, One Of The Things That We Had Discussion During Our Work Session Had To Do Specific To A Referendum Perhaps In 2018. I Got That Right, I Hope. And Can You Tell Me How Much Money Would Be Represented With The Referendum That They Were Talking About?

Up To A Half Mill Would Be About \$30 Million.

Larry Kiker: \$30 Million. Okay. So In Essence, It Would Double The Amount Of Money That Lee County Had Access To. That Money Would Go Directly To That Organization. How Would That Work? I Want To Make Sure Everybody Understands What Everyone Is Talking About Here.

Yes, Sir. The Referendum Question Has Been The Discussion For A Children Human Services Council Which Is Created In Statute. It Has The Board Of Directors Or The Governing Board Would Be Independent From

The County Commission, And In The Referendum Language Itself It Would Ask Voters To Establish A Millage Rate Up To 1.5 Mill. That's The Maximum Allowed By Law, And That Governing Board Would Then Be Solely Responsible For The Spending Of Those Dollars.

Larry Kiker: So It's Not A Pass Through To Lee County. It Would Go Directly To Them.

Yes, Sir.

Larry Kiker: But As The --

Frank Mann: On That Front, You Talk About Millage. My Understanding Was I Thought They Were Looking For A Part Of A Sales Tax Penny As The Funding Source. This Is Purely Millage.

Millage. The Children's Services Council Is Purely Millage. You Recall There Has Been Discussion In The Past About The Penny Sales Tax, But At The Workshop The Discussion Was Children Services Council.

Frank Mann: Children Services Council Discussion, I Don't Know Where I Missed That. It's Totally Millage We're Talking About. I Know It's Yet To Be Put Together And Put On The Ballot More For 2018, But I Didn't Want To Go Any Further Until I Got That Straight. Thank You, Commissioner Kiker. Back To You.

Larry Kiker: Thank You Very Much, Mr. Chairman. Just For A Matter Of Process For Folks' Consideration While They Hear That Conversation Is That The Board Of County Commissioner's Role In All Of This Would Be To Sponsor That Effort In 2018, And It Would Be Up To The Board To Vote To Put It On A Referendum So That Folks Can Decide Whether They Want Their Tax Dollars Used For That Program. That's Correct.

I Would Like The County Attorney To Weigh In, Please.

The County Would Be Involved In Placing The Issue On The Ballot And Then It's Subject To Voter Approval. The Use Of The Word Sponsor Causes Me Some Concern Given The Statutory Limitation To Extend Public Moans For Any Referendum Position. It Would Be Ministerial On The Parted Of The Board. You Can Do Educational Work. In Terms Of Advocating, You Would Be Prohibited By Statute.

Larry Kiker: I Appreciate That Clarification. Thank You. I Don't Know If Anybody Else Has Anything They Want To Talk About This Subject Before We Go On To The Next One?

Frank Mann: We'll Come Back To You.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Mr. Manning.

John Manning: Thank You. I Would Like To Stick With What The Agenda Item Says Which Is Setting The Trim Notice Millage Rate. If We Were To Reduce The Millage From 4.1506 To 4.0506, Roger, Correct Me If I'm Wrong, We Would Have A General Fund Surplus This Year Of An Additional \$1.4 Million.

Yes, Sir.

John Manning: If You Look At Reserves At 80%, That Is One Number That Is Fairly Substantial, And We Would Have Excess Reserves. Plus That Surplus Of 9.5. I Don't Have Anything In Front Of Me. That's From

Memory. Okay. So I Will Support A Motion That Would Say I Will Reduce The Millage Rate, The Trim Notice For The Public Hearing Purposes From 4.1506 To 4.0506.

Frank Mann: Let's Hold The Motion For A Second Until Everyone Has A Chance If They Want To Weigh In Here. Mr. Pendergrass, Any Thoughts?

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You. Thank You, Everybody, For Coming Down Today, And Thank You For Coming Down, The Candidates That Came Down To Speak On This. Totally Aware Of What's Going On With This Issue. The Issues In The Community. I Was Surprised Hear That The City -- I Am -- I've Been Here All Summer Working, And Roger, We've Been Working Hard On The City Requests. Other Capital Funding Projects?

No, Sir.

Cecil Pendergrass: They Are Still Working With The Task Force And Sheriff's Department, They're Working Together. Being Effective There. Does Anybody Else On The Board Have The -- We Have Not Seen -- Just So We Know. Other Than Capital Improvement Projects, We Have Not Heard Anything, Requests From Them. They're Also Looking At Lowering Their Taxes. Maybe You Need To Talk To That City To Lower Their Taxes. They Have Had A Reduction Of Public Services. This Budget We're Talking About Increasing Funding To The Sheriff's Office Also Increases Funding For Introductions For Drug Court, It Helps With Other Services Through Crime Prevention, So It's Giving Money Back To The Community To The Law Enforcement Society, And It's Also Giving Money Back To The Property Owners That Are Paying Us, So The Patients That Are Not Able To Feed Their Children, They Will Have The Money To Pay Their Bills Due To The Tax Reduction. It's Two Sides Of The Story. I See It From Both Sides Where People Are Hurting And People Need Help, But Right Now We Have The Lowest Amount Of Number Of Unemployment. I Think It's 4.9%. I Think Commissioner Manning Attended The Backpack Event. You Saw The Least Turnout Ever There, Which Is Good, Children In Needs. We're Aware Of That. Like Commissioner Manning Said, There Are Other Monies We Can Use To Serve Today In This Budget Other Than That's Not Reducing Taxes. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Hamman, Do You Have Any Comments?

Brian Hamman: Yes. Thank You. There Are Sometimes In Life Where Two Rationale, Reasonable People Can Look At A Problem And Come Up With Even The Same Solution But Have Different Ideas On How To Get There, And I Was Born And Raised Here. You Know, I Played High School Football And Was Terrible At It, But I Played High School Football With Folks That Were All Different Races Than Me, And My Heart Breaks For The Folks That Didn't Get To Have The Same Childhood That I Had. I Care. I Care About Making This The Best Place In The State Of Florida For Folks To Live, Work, And Raise Their Family. I Really Do. But My Thoughts On This Are, My Principles Are, That You Don't Improve People's Quality Of Life By Taking More Of Their Money Away, By The Government Taking More Of Their Money Away. I Think You Improve People's Quality Of Life By Empowering Them To Go Out And Get A Job. I Think One Of The Things We Can Do -- I Think One Of The Things -- Yeah, I Think One Of The Things We Can Do As A Government To Make This Area More Attractive For Companies To Come And Hire Our Employees Is To Lower The Tax Rate, Is To Make It Less Expensive For Businesses To Come Here And Do Business So That They'll Be Attracted To This Area, So They'll Hire Our Employees. I Think If We Lower The Tax Rate And We Let Senior Citizens And Folks Who Live Here And Homeowners Who Live Here Keep More Of Their Own Money So They Can Spend It In The Restaurants And Use It To Help Tip Their Waiters And Waitresses And To Help Patronize Local Businesses And Flow More Money Into Our Local Economy. We're Talking Millions Of Dollars That Could Flow Into Our

Local Economy And Into People's Pockets. I Think We'll See More Jobs Created Through That. I Truly Want To Get To The Same Place. I Want To See More People Employed. I Want To See Our Schools Do A Better Job At Training People For Careers, But I Just Have A Different Idea Of How To Get There. Thank You.

Frank Mann: A Couple Of Comments, And I'll Get Back To You, Commissioner Kiker, For A Motion If You Would Like To Proceed In That Direction. There Will Be No More Public Input, But -- Thank You Very Much. You'll Have Public Input Over The Next 45 Days Or Between Now And September 20th While We Adopt A Final Budget. This Millage Today Is A Trim Tentative, That's What It Stands For -- It's A Tentative Rate That Will Be Established As The Maximum Rate Under Which We Will Adopt A Budget On September 20th, But There Will Be Two More Opportunities For Public Input, Plus Each Of These Meetings That We Will Have You Can Come At The End Of The Meeting And Speak To Any Part Of The Budget You Would Like To Between Now And September 20th. Let Me Say This. I'm Not The Only One That Has Been Paying Close Attention To The Committee Pennies For Progress. It's My Understanding That The Initial Reception To The Message From The Committee From All Five Of Us Up Here Has Been Fairly Positive. What You Have Asked For Was For Us To Consider Putting On The Ballot In 2018 The Millage, Which Would Be Dedicated To A Children's Services Council, Like One That Was Started 25, 30 Years Ago In St. Pete And Like Several Others That Appear Around The State Nowadays. That's A Little Ways Off. It Doesn't Mean The Problems Are A Ways Off, But The Time That Will It Would Take Us To Study What You Are Asking For, Look At The Possible Results And What They Might Cost To Achieve, That All Needs To Be Done Yet, And That's Not What This Issue Is Today. This Is The Trim Notice For What We're Going To Do For Millage For The Coming Year's Budget. I Hope That That Positive Initial Response Will Continue. I Know From My Part It Certainly Will. I Too Questioned Whether We Were The Lowest Spenders In Human Services. I Cannot Believe That. I Absolutely Cannot Believe That, And We Will Look Further Into That. Even On A Per Capita Basis Or Some Other Formula, I Can't Believe That Or We Would Be -- Our Problems Are Bad Enough, But They Would Be Even Worse If That Were The Case. We're Going To Take This Next Year And A Half And Really Look At This And Have Meetings. I'm Sure There Will Be Bunches Of Them. No Need To Put Your Hand Up. I've Already Said There Will Be No More Further Public Comment. It's Our Turn, The People That You Have Elected To Represent You. I'm Trying To Summarize What We Are Dealing With Today. We're Dealing With A Trim Notice. I Think At The Very Least The 0.5 Mills That We Have Been Under Such A Barrage Of Criticism About Where It Used To Go To 2020 Money That We Had To Put It In The Operational Dollars During The End Of The Recession. This Is An Opportunity To Get Right With Everybody On That To Take That 0.5 And Give That Tax Back, So I Hope That Old Criticism Can Finally Be Taken Away. Frankly, I Would Have Been Happy If That's As Far As We Went Back. We Have Three Options This Morning. We Can Stay At The 4.15 Or Go Back Essentially A Half A Mill Or A Full Mill. I Think That's What We Have Been Kicking Around Here. That Would Leave Us Still Flexibility To Come Down When We Adopt The Budget The Additional Whatever Percentage Of The Full Mill. I Don't Know Whether That's Going To Go, But From The Conversation I've Heard Here This Morning, I Get The Sense That The Commission Majority Is Leaning Towards Taking A Full Mill Back. I Mean An Attempt. An Attempt.

Brian Hamman: 0.1. 10 Cents Per Thousand.

Frank Mann: 10 Cents Per Thousand. We Have The Numbers Spelled Out For Those Two. At Any Rate, That's My Thought. It's My Commitment To Continue To Work For The Pennies People And Other Folks In The Community That Are Interested In What We Can Do Financially To Assist Against Some Of The Terrible Things And Tragedies That Have Been Going On Here. Certainly Doing Our Part As Lee County Commissioners To Address Those Issues Beyond That, I Think We Have A Good Budget. We're Fortunate

That Our Base Has Come Back To Enable Us To Entertain This Action This Morning. That's What We've Been Hoping Has Occurred. These Are Better Times That We've Seen In Decades Here In Lee County. It Gives Us An Opportunity To Give A Little Break To The Taxpayer And Still Meet All Of Our Obligations As The County Continues To Grow, And We're Doing That. This Is An Increase Over Last Year's Budget. The Sheriff Is Getting A Substantial Increase This Year. To The Extent We Can Get Our Arms Around Some Of These Challenges, I Think We're Doing It In A Responsible Fashion As To The Action We've Taken So Far On The Budget As We Move Forward. With My Little Sermon, Commissioner Kiker, Back To You.

Larry Kiker: Thank You. Three, Four Years Ago When My First Opportunity To Work With This Board To Talk About Our Budget, We Were Doing Deficit Spending Back In The Day, And With That In Mind, I Can Remember Very Well And I Think Mr. Pendergrass Was Our Chairman At The Time Where We Actually Had 200 Individuals Come To This Podium One At A Time And Talk To Us About Human Services And The Need To Continue Funding Those Services. And Because Our Reserves Had Gone Away, Then We Had To Make A Difficult Decision At This Time, And That's The Infamous Decision Of Going Back And Pulling Some Of The 2020 Dollars Out That One Time. Having Said That, I Don't Believe That The Commitment That You Have From It This Board Has Changed At All In Terms Of Looking Forward To 2018 And Working With Your Organization. I Don't Believe That A Budget If Done Correctly, That Means There Is Less Money That Can Be Used For Human Services Once We Get The Priorities And The Programs Presented To Us. I Think That There's Still Room For That. I Think That's What Commissioner Manning Just Stated That Even At This We're Going To Have Some Excess Money. Sending This Budget, Setting This Trim Is A Function Of The Work That's Been Done The Last Couple Of Years, The Policy Decisions That This Board Has Made. We Set A Minimum Reserve, Which Was Now \$80 Million, And I Think At The End Of This, It Could Be As Much As \$89 Million. We May Have An Extra \$9 Million When This Is All Said And Done. It's A Function Of Getting Our Expenses Under Control And Running A More Efficient Organization. \$167 Million Reduction In Debt Would Be Another Region E Reason Why We're Talking About This. That The Legal Obligations Have Diminished. I Think We Were Over \$100 Million In Possible Legal Fees That We're Looking At And Your Organization Has Gotten Them Down To Almost Zero. At This Time We Were Able To Increase Our Services With The Sheriff And The Justice Department In All Those Different Areas. It Really Is A Function Of A Lot Of Work That's Been Done By This Board Over The Last Couple Of Years And Working With Staff And With Legal And So I Really Appreciate The Time With That, And Because Of That I'm Tickled To Death. I Would Like To Make A Motion That --

Cecil Pendergrass: There's A Motion On The Floor.

Larry Kiker: No, He Has Not. I Would Move That We Reduce The Millage By 10 Cents.

Cecil Pendergrass: Second.

Frank Mann: Just For Clarification, By --

Larry Kiker: That's 4.0506.

Frank Mann: That's What I Wanted You To Say Specifically. That Millage Would Then Be Under The Motion Set For Trim At 4.0506.

Larry Kiker: Which Means It Cannot Exceed That.

Frank Mann: And It Was Seconded By Commissioner Manning.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You For Bringing Back The Memories Of The 2015 Budget Process, And You Remember We Had A Bunch Of People There That Might. The Board Did Not Cut Human Services. We Cut Everything Else. We Used The 2020 Money. We Were Really Conscious Of This Budget For The Human Services. We Have Maintained That. Our Staff Here. Now We Have Roger Here Now To Take The Helm On That. I See A Brighter Future For Lee County, And Thank You, Commission Kiker, For All Your Work On The Budget. You've Done A Great Job To Get Us Here. Three Years Ago We Had A \$30 Million Deficit. Buses Were Shutting Down. Libraries Were Closing Early. 2020 Money Was Being Used To Pay, You Know, Bills, Paychecks. We've Come A Long Way. I Think We Need To Stay Focus Odd That. As Far As Progress, It's Two Separate Issues. I Hope The Pennieses For Progress Will Continue Their Efforts, But, Remember, This Is Two Separate Things. You Know, We Need To Work Together On This. I Think The Strategy For 2018 For -- To Be Successful You Have To Look At The Process. If You Want Lee County To Raise Taxes For That And Try To Get Your Effort To Pass It In 2018, Have You To Look At That From Hey Strategy Standpoint. How Do You Promote That In Lee County -- At The End Of The Day It's Only Two Years Away. Remember That.

Frank Mann: Further Comments, Commissioner Hamman?

Brian Hamman: I Just Want To Say Thanks Again, Commissioners, For The Work We've Done On The Budget. I Know It Was A Goal At The Beginning Much The Year To Be Able To Look At Reducing The Millage Rate Because Of The Fact That We Knew Property Values Were Coming Back. We Knew That The County's Economy Has Come Back, Says And We Wanted To Make Sure That We Stuck To That Core Principle That, You Know, The Government Should Only Take Whatever It Needs To Run An Efficient Government. One Of The Things I Have To Give Credit To Commissioner Kiker For, We Wouldn't Have Been Able To Have Those Conversations Or Do All Of That If Commissioner Kiker Wouldn't Have Under His Leadership Started The Work Session That We Do In The Afternoon. I Think The Communication Between All Five Of Us Is Fantastic. I Think The Fact That We Have Those Work Sessions And We Basically Make The Budget A Year-Long Process Is Really Turned Out A Magnificent Work Product. I Thank You, Commissioner Kiker.

Larry Kiker: That's Why You Recognize The 2013. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Just This Last Comment On My Part. I Mentioned That We Don't Adopt Our Budget Until September 20th. If This Motion Passes, As It Was Pointed Out Earlier, That Still Leaves Us A Surplus This Year To Deal With Unanticipated Issues Of \$1.4 Million. That's In Addition To The -- What's Our Total General Reserve Right Now Today? For Crisis Management.

It Will Be \$89 Million. About \$90 Million Of Which Basically \$81 Million Is Your 20% And Then --

Frank Mann: My Point Is I Don't Want To Get Into Raiding That Right Now, But My Point Is That Lee County Is In A Very Admirable Financial Position Right Now. We're Able To Deal With Crisis And Major Crisis Should They Occur. We Also With The Comfortable Surplus This Budget Predicts Can Deal Between Now And September 20th With Other Issues If We Can Have Specificity During Our Workshops Or Any Requests That Come Forward Between Now And The Final Adoption. I'm Comfortable Moving In This Direction, And Confident That The Commission Would Not Turn Its Head On Any Legitimate Quantified Issue That's Brought Before Us. It Seems To Be The Crisis That Needs To Be Responded To At That Moment. With That We Have A Motion And A Second. Is There Further Discussion? Is There Objection To The Motion? Hearing None, It Passes Unanimously. Thank You, Everybody, For Being Here This Morning, And We Expect To Hear From You Again. Not Just On The Budget, But On The Whole Pennies For Progress Program, And We Thank

You For The Time You Have Already Devoted To That. We Look Forward To Those Next Meaningful Discussions. You Guys Can Be Excused If You Would Like. You Can Sneak Out. Thank You Very Much. Or You Can Stay And Witness Government At Its Finest. We Have Walk-Ones. I'm Sorry.

Pete, Do We Need A Motion To Adopt The Proposed Millage Rate As Shown On Exhibit A, Managers July 28, 2016, Memorandum?

Yeah. Just To Make Sure That It's Clear, Commissioners, That The Rest Of The Millages, If You Could Adopt Those For The --

Frank Mann: Oh, I'm Sorry.

As They Are Listed In Exhibit A.

Frank Mann: For Those Observing, We Have Other Millages That Are Part Of The Legal Requirements To Deal With This Morning. Unincorporated Msdu, And All Libraries And All Hazard Millages And Community Mspu's They're All On Public Record. They Are Remaining For The Most Part The Larger Items The Same As They Were Last Year. There's Some Minor Adjustments In Some Of These Community Millages, And I Need A Motion To Accept Those By Commissioner Kiker, Seconded By Commissioner Manning. Is There Further Discussion? Did We Do That Right, Councillor, Do You Think?

Yes, Sir.

Frank Mann: Show It Passed Without Objection. Now, I Can Look At Walk-Ones And Carryovers Of Which I Don't Have Any. Let's Deal With Can Committee Appointments. For Now, Commissioner Manning.

John Manning: Yes. Reluctantly Somebody Unknown Since Our Kids Were Both Young Appointment Of Walter Violetta To The Housing Short Authority.

Frank Mann: Is There Discussion. Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection.

Cecil Pendergrass: John Sibley. Debbie Hughes, Roadway Landscaping, Robbada Martin, St. Charles Park Improvement, District Committee Water Ferguson Housing Authority Committee, Sydney Bear, Technical.

John Manning: Second.

Frank Mann: Further Discussion? Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. I Need A Motion To -- This Is An Automatic -- Almost An Automatic Appointment To The Tourist Development Council. It's A Nonvoter Member Representative And Hoteliers. They Am Cool Up With Their Own Recommendation Which The Chair Has Asked To Move Over. I Need An Appointment To Appoint Brian Cramer. First And Second. Is There Discussion, Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. To The Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee, James Mcchord. Second. Discussion, Objection. Show It Adopted Without Objection. Commissioner Hamman.

Brian Hamman: Yes, I Would Like To Reappoint Gregory Desario To The Roadway Landscape Committee.

Cecil Pendergrass: Second.

Frank Mann: Motion, Second. Discussion? No Objection. Show It Adopted. Commissioner Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. I Have Two Reappointments. Clark Rouse To The Roadway Landscape And A New Appointment, Mary Russ To The Shelter And Pines Mobile Home Village Improvement.

Cecil Pendergrass: Second.

Frank Mann: Motion, Second By Manning. Discussion. Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. Now Let's Take Up Commissioner Items.

John Manning: None.

Cecil Pendergrass: Okay. I Have A Couple. Been A Busy Summer. Okay, First Of All, I Would Like To Give Consensus To Have The County Attorney Address A Letter To The Local Office. Judy Griffin Is Here. I Didn't Have Her Come Down With Descriptions. To Ask The Local Offices To Actively Enforce A Current Coordinates For The Fire And To Use Maybe Other Resources Such As Undercover Operations. Like A Private Credit Card And Some Of The Work That's Working -- Other Counties Have Done This. They Have Found Drivers Working Where They Have Active Warrants, Weapons In The Vehicles, And The Drivers Were Illegally Wanted. I Ask For A Consistent Support Letter Sent Prosecute From The County Attorney Saying The Board Of County Commissioners Is Urging You To Current Enforce The Laws On The Books For Undercover Operations And Monitoring Them At The Airports And Other Parts Of The County.

Brian Hamman: I Have No Objection To That.

Frank Mann: Can With He Do That By Consensus Or Nodding Heads?

Cecil Pendergrass: Yes, Sir.

I Understand The Directions.

Frank Mann: So It Be Done.

Cecil Pendergrass: This Past Month We Had Brought Forward Back In March We Had Asked The County Staff To Look At The Comp Plan Amendment For The Apples Area. It Went To The Lpa In July And Initially Had Two Members Show Up. There Were Eventually Four Members Of The Lpa. They Conducted A Meeting. It Was A 2-2 Vote. I'm Asking For -- If There's Consensus To Have That Case Remanded Back To The August Lpa For A Revote Of The Lpa.

Brian Hamman: Do We Need A Motion On That One?

Yes, Sir, Please.

John Manning: So Moved.

Frank Mann: To Remand The -- To Go Back To The Lpa For --

Rehearing.

Frank Mann: Rehearing. Right.

That's What I Understood.

Frank Mann: Say That Depend E Again.

That's What I Understood The Intent Of The Motion To Be To Hand It Back To Be Reheard. With The Full Board.

Brian Hamman: Yeah. Let The Citizens Weigh In On It.

Frank Mann: At Least More. We Can't Mandate A Full Board If They Have Five Or Six. It's A Rehearing. Hopefully With An Odd Number Of Lpa, So It's Not 2-2.

Frank Mann: Let's Clarify That. By A Quorum.

Brian Hamman: Odd Number Of --

Frank Mann: Five Or More Quorum.

Cecil Pendergrass: Four Or More Would Be A Quorum, So We Would Cede Ebbing So An Odd Number Above The Quorum Requirement.

Frank Mann: Further Discussion? Is There An Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection.

Cecil Pendergrass: And Also, The Letter We Received From The County Attorney. I Ask The County Attorney To Update Us On The Comp Plan Amendment For River Hall, And Also Like To Make A Motion To Adopt The Resolution Of Board Of County Commission To Show Past Action On The Board For The Comp Plan Amendment By The County Attorney.

John Manning: Second.

Frank Mann: Motion, Second, Discussion? Is There Objection?

I Was Going To Say, So We're Passing A Resolution That Sells Out That The Board Of County Commissioners Supports Lee County's Past Actions.

That's Actually -- The Cabinet And The Staff Are Totally Clear Of The Lee County Commission's Position On That.

Brian Hamman: I Don't Know If We'll Have More Discussion About This Later Or Right Now Or Why This Is Even Necessary, But, I Mean, I Think The Folks At Home Deserve To Know Why It's Necessary, And Commissionerman, I'll Try To Say This Without Being Hurtful. I Think You Know I Do Admire You. You Know, I Enjoy Working With You Too, But I'm Extremely Disappointed In What Transpired. Over The July Break, Commissioners Were Off Over The July Break, And After The River Hall Court Hearing Happened, There Was A Notice Sent Out To All Commissioners Saying, Commissioners, You're Not Allowed To Talk To The Governor Or The Cabinet About This Issue That Will Come Before Them. One Of The Commissioners, Our Chairman, Got On The County Plane And Flew Up To Tallahassee. While He Didn't Talk With The Governor Or The Cabinet, He Did Meet Privately With The Staff Of The Governor And Cabinet In An Effort To Try To Influence Them Against Lee County, And We've Also Learned That Our Chairman Has Been Sending Emails Back And Forth With Opposing Counsel Against Lee County In An Effort To Try And Coordinate A Continuance Too, Which A Continuance -- Is That My Time?

Yeah, You're Off. Sorry.

Brian Hamman: Here's Why I Was Hurt. Here's Why I Was Hurt. I Remember Reading Bill Smith's Article In "The News Press" Not Too Long Ago Saying Commission Mann Was Upset About Closed Door Meetings, And Here You Flew Up To Tallahassee To Have Some Of The Most Secretive And Manipulative Meetings.

Frank Mann: I Thought You Said You Loved Me.

Brian Hamman: This Is Why I Was So Surprised And So Hurt By It. To Me I Have No Confidence Anymore In You As Our Chairman. I Don't. You Cannot Obviously Carry The Message And The Will Of The Board Forward, And I Just -- I Wanted To Get That Off My Chest.

Frank Mann: Do You Need Any More Time.

Brian Hamman: No. Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: Well, We Were Going To Discuss This I Think Under County Attorney Items At A Minute Or So As To The Scheduling Of The Next Hearing In Tallahassee, Is That Right? You Wanted To Talk About That? I'm Not Trying To Jump Ahead To That, But It Was Going To Come Back. My Point Is I'll Take This Opportunity To Share My Thinking And Your Comments Certainly Deserve A Response. The River Hall Issue -- We Don't Need To Restate The Entire Thing, But It Involves A Community In The Eastern Part Of The County And The District I Represent Who For Ten Years Have Been Fighting To Hold Down The Density Which The Developers -- The Developers Of That Subdivision Have Tried To Increase. After A Long Battle It Was Rejected. Fast Forward Ten Years. They're Back Again Asking For The Same Request In A Slightly Different Form And Ownership, But It Passed This Time On A Vote Of 4-1. I Opposed It. The Rest Of The Commission Supported It. It Was Challenged By The Residents Out There, Some Of The Residents, In An Administrative Hearing, Which Is Their Right To Do, And They Questioned Whether Or Not Lee County Has Acted Properly In Approving That Density Increase. The Hearing Officer In A Fairly Strong Wording Response Said That The Lee County Had Done Poorly In The Way They Handled That And She Rejected It And Would Not Let It Become The Rule Of The Day. That Process Then Can Be Appealed By The Developer To The Cabinet, Which It Was, And It Was About To Go Through The Process. This Very Day It Was Scheduled For A Hearing Before The Floor Of The Cabinet And The Process Areas That The Cabinet Then Has To Approve Or Disapprove What The Hearing Officer Had Ruled. Jump In Any Time, Councillor, If I Have Stated Any Of This Poorly, But I Think I'm Pretty Accurate On The General Way Things Occurred Here. Usually Prior To -- Not Usually. Always Prior To The Cabinet Meeting They Have What They Call A Cabinet Aid Meeting Where Any Members Of The Public Or Interested Parties Can Come And Speak To That Issue. What Is Not Always The Case Is What Has Been Referred To In A County Memo As Can't Net Aides Who Hear Them And Then They Inform The Bosses, The Cabinet, What Their Action On This Matter Should Be. A Couple Of Weeks Ago I Received A Memo About Around Noon The Time Stamp On It Was 10:39 That Very Morning. I Think It Was A Monday, And It Said The Next Day I Was To Be Alerted That The Very Next Day There Were Going To Be Five People Representing The County's Position And The Developer's Position Having Informal Meetings With Cabinet Aides. Informal Meetings Is Another Way Of Saying They Were Going Up In Advance Of The Official Cabinet Aides Meeting And Having A Lobbying Session With Each Of The Cabinet Aides To Present The Point Of The County And The Developer Because The Developers Have Also Been Included In Those Meetings. As Were Hired Lobbyists In Tallahassee To Be A Part Of That Process. And Others Who Represented The County's Perspective. So With Less Than A Full Day's Notice, The People I Represent And Have Been Fighting For For Ten Years, I Find Out That They Are Going To Be The Victims Of A Five Person Lobbying Raid On State Officials Up There Who Are The Direct Employees And The Ones Who Make Recommended Suggestions To How The Cabinet Members Are Going To Vote. So I Did

Scramble Myself As Quickly As I Could Get Up There To Talk To Those Same Very People. The Cabinet Aides And Let Them Know That There Was A Different Position By At Least One Commissioner And I Made It Abundantly Clear That I Was Not Speaking For The Majority Of The County Commission And Any One Of Them Will Take A Polygraph And Confirm That. I Was Speaking For The Citizens That I Have Been Fighting For For A Decade, And I'm Not Going To Quit, And I Don't Think I Violated Any Rule Of Organizations, Ordinances, Or Laws And Speaking To Those Cabinet Aides On Behalf Of The People I Represent. Especially Since I Was So Clear About Mine Being A Minority Position. But I Did Remind Them Also That The Previous Position Of This County Was A 4-1 Vote Supporting Them Whereas The 4-1 Vote Was Opposing Them, But I Was Now To One. This Informal Session Was A Lobbying Session Which Is Most Unusual, And It Puts People I Represent At A Distinct Disadvantage Where They Were Planning To Be Just A Regular Cabinet Meeting Where That Was Going To Be Their Opportunity To Speak. I Have No Apologies For What I Did Because I Am Fighting For People Who Thought They Had Been Promised A Density When They Bought Their Homes There And They Were Lied To Because That Entity Has Now Been Changed, And Their Neighborhood Has Changed For Now And In The Future. When The Time Comes If I Have To Apologize For Representing People Like That When They've Been Lied To And Promises Broken, Then I'll Quit, But I Will Fight For Them Until The Day I Have One Last Breath On This County Commission, And I Resent Those Wrong Personal Comments Of Yours.

Cecil Pendergrass: Chairman. You Received An E-Mail Monday. Who Did You Receive The E-Mail From?

Frank Mann: I Think From The County Attorney's Office. We Got Copies. It's The Same One Everybody Got.

Cecil Pendergrass: My Concerns Are Were You -- Did You Ever Have Any Communication With Other Side, Attorney, Other Than Our County Attorney Before Any Of Those Meetings Occurred Because I'm Concerned About That. Either Your Personal Meeting E E-Mail Or Work E-Mail. You Are Representing The County. Do You Have An E-Mail Communication Between Those Two Persons?

Frank Mann: I Called Mr. Asforth, Who Is A Resident Who Has Been In Charge Of All This, And I Asked Him If He Had Notice, And I -- I Did Speak To What's His Name, Brooks, And I Asked Him If He Had Notice, And He Had Not Received A Notice Himself. Then He Joined Me In Asking For This To Be Delayed Since Nobody Had Enough Time To -- For The August 2nd Meeting Today To Be Delayed On The Agenda.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Applaud You For Your Efforts. We All Would Do The Same Thing. My Concern Is When You Send A Letter To The Governor And The Cabinet And Sign It As Chairman Or Chair And Then We Got Notice. When I Got The Notice Back In December, The Service Saying That We're Not Allowed To Communicate Through Exparte Communications, I Took It That We're Not Supposed To Communicate With Them Through The Sunshine Laws. That's Why I Was Concerned For Your Sick Is Making Sure That The Board Is Good, It Doesn't Hurt The Integrity Of This Case And Prolong It Even Longer. We're All Here To Support Our Community. I Just Want To Make Sure That We're Doing Things That Won't Hurt The Case In The Future. That's My Concern.

Frank Mann: I Deeply Appreciate Your Concern. I Think If You Will Review The Memo That I Sent That You Made Reference To, It Clearly States That I Am Speaking For A Minority Position On The County Commission. Anything I Put In Writing To The Cabinet And/Or Their Aides Clearly Stated That. In No Way Attempted To Circumvent It, And I Started With That Point. Can We Be Done With This Until We Get Back To A Scheduling Issue?

Cecil Pendergrass: I Have A Motion On The Floor For The Resolution. Do We Need To Have A Vote For That?

Yes, Sir. If You Would, Please.

Cecil Pendergrass: Okay. We Have --

Frank Mann: State The Motion.

Cecil Pendergrass: The Motion Would Be The County Attorney To Draft A Letter To -- That We Can Forward To The Cabinet And Their Staff To Prepare A Motion To Adopt A Resolution For The Board Showing Continued Support Of The Past Action Much The Board Of County Commission On The Amendment By The County Attorney So The Cabinet Are Clear Of The County's Position By September 1st Of This Year.

John Manning: There Was A Second.

Frank Mann: Further Discussion. Is There Objection? Show The Chairman Objecting. Next Order Of Business. Where Are We?

Brian Hamman: I Did Have One Commissioner Item, Mr. Chairman. The Florida Association Of Counties Has Graciously Appointed Me To The Vice Chairmanship Of The Fac's Federal Committee, Federal Legislative Committee. I Wanted To Let You All Know That So As We Start To Work Through Our Legislative Agenda, We Could Coordinate Through This Position On Back As Well To Make Sure That We Do The Best We Can Do Advocate Not Only On Behalf Of Lee County, But Also The Association Of Counties.

Larry Kiker: Congratulations.

Frank Mann: Do Us Proud.

Cecil Pendergrass: Commissioner Hamman, Were You Going To Talk About The Water Quality From The Staff Meeting?

Brian Hamman: Commissioner Pendergrass, I Leave Is That To You.

Cecil Pendergrass: Go Ahead. I Don't Have It Here.

Frank Mann: Who Wants It?

Cecil Pendergrass: I Attended The Meeting And Prepared A Resolution From The Florida Association Of Counties, The Governor, And The Water Management And Supporting Our Needs To Send The Water In Other Areas Other Than South Florida Other Than Caloosahatchee During The Rain Season. I Have A Copy Of That Resolution Here.

Frank Mann: Very Good.

Larry Kiker: Do You Need A Motion To Support That?

Cecil Pendergrass: Also, On A Side Note The Commissioner From Flagler County Frank Meeker Passed Away A Few Days Ago. He Is A Real Nice Guy And 61 And He Has Been Battling Colon Cancer. Tragic Loss.

Frank Mann: I Forgot Something Before. This Is Just An Ataboy Comment Here. Maybe -- I Think Y'all Got This Too. On Behalf Of Everybody At Lee County Department Of Community Development, They Earned A Big Award. The Award Of Merit By The Florida Chapter Of The American Planning Association. You Can Read All About It. It's Outstanding, And You Are To Be Commended And Your Crack Staff That Makes You Look Good Despite Yourself. Proud Of You Guys. Thank You Very Much. Mr. Kiker.

Larry Kiker: You Didn't Accuse Him Of Copying.

Frank Mann: No. Don't Do That.

Larry Kiker: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. I've Got Three Items, And, Unfortunately, I'm Going To Have To Extend This Meeting A Little Bit Because They're Going To Take Some Discussion With This Board And Perhaps Staff And Legal. July Was A Busy, Busy Month For District Three And Three Different Places, And First Of All, I'll Begin With Bonita Springs. As You Know, When They Changed Their Board, They Also Changed Their Direction, If You Will, In Terms Of What They Would Like To See In Bonita Beach Road. The Problem That Has Happened Is That It Has Become Difficult, As I Understand, For Staff, From The County, To Work With Them And As That The Last Policy Direction That Was Given By The Board Was In 2009, And That Was When There Was An Agreement Made. We Spent A Substantial Amount Of Money On Improvements On Bonita Beach Road Possibilities, If You Will. Since Then If Everybody Remembers The Fly-Over. That Was The Discussion They Had, And Their Board Said They Didn't Want Any Part Of That, And They Are On Another Mission, If You Will. In The Meantime, There's A Critical Roadway Called Bonita Beach Road 41 That Has To Be Dealt With Because There's A Tremendous Amount Of Traffic There, And It's Going To Get Worse Not Better, Sooner Than Later. With That In Mind I Would Ask This Board Could Perhaps Give Direction To The Staff To Work With Them In Light Of That 2009 Agreement. They've Got A Thing That They Call A Drive-About, A Round-About, Where It Actually Moves Traffic Before This Even Gets To The Intersection. That's All You Need To Know About That. It's Technical Enough. Point Being, It's Going To Take Some Time And Resources And Probably Before It's All Over Well May Even Venture Into The Division Piece Of It They're Working With. I Just Wanted To Make You Aware Of What Was Going On And Get Your Blessing, If You Will, For Staff To Engage With Bonita.

Frank Mann: Yes, Sir.

Cecil Pendergrass: Is This An Intersection In I Know They've Been Moving Forward With The Whole Bonita Corridor, Which Is The County Road. I Was Concerned Why They Were Going Forward Spending Money On Changing The County Road, And I Was Concerned About That As Far As That. Definitely Needs Improvement At The Intersection, But I'm Not Sure -- You're Saying Work With Our Staff On That As Far As The Intersection Itself?

Larry Kiker: It's Going To Be -- It Also Includes Fdoc.

Cecil Pendergrass: There's Two Elements. They Want To Change The Road And Reduce The Lanes, But The Hurricane Evacuation For The Beach And Other Areas. The Main East And West Corridor There. I Think Our Staff Needs To Stay Focused And It's Still A County Road, Evacuation Route For That Area Before We Start Changing It And Making It Smaller And Putting More Sidewalks In.

Larry Kiker: I Absolutely Agree. There's Two Pieces Here. The First One Is That Quadrant Which Is That Drive-About, If You Will, And That One Is Very Specific. That's One Idea That They Have That They Wanted To Investigate With The D.O.T. And With The Staff And That's Really What I'm Asking For Is To Get Direction For

Them To Do Just That. And At Some Point In Time It May Realize That We Have To Talk About The Division Which Is What You Are Referring To, Commissioner Pendergrass, Which Is What Did They Want To Do With Bonita Beach Road Itself, Which, By The Way, Is Part Of That Is Owned By Collier County As Well. There's A Lot Of Different Players Here. There's A Lot Of Work That Has To Be Done On That. We're Not Talking About That. We're Just Talking About Working On That One Intersection. That's It.

Cecil Pendergrass: Is That Also The Conversation For The Intersection?

Larry Kiker: I Believe. I'm Sure They Are.

F-Dot Would Have To Be Involved In The Discussion Involving 41.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Know You Had Some E-Mail Correspondence Between The City Attorney Of Bonita. Is This Okay Within That Agreement That We Had In Place?

Mr. Chairman, The Subject Of The Dialogue Between The City Attorney And Myself Was The Effect Of The Interlocal Agreement That The County Maintains Is Still In Force And Effect. It Is Actually The Seventh Amendment In Our Local Agreement. As I Explained To Her Our Legal Position Is That That Interlocal Agreement Is Still In Force And Effect. She Responded To My Legal Opinion With A Short Memo Indicating That She Disagreed With My Conclusion, But Agreed That It Certainly Is A Subject Of Further Discussion Between The Board Of County Commissioners, City Council, And Administrative Types Of Both Of Our Organizations. As We Sit Here Today, It's Our Continued Legal Opinion That That Interlocal Agreement Is Still In Force And Effect.

Larry Kiker: Mr. Chairman, I Need To Get Consensus For The Board. I Think That Would Be Appropriate. I Don't Think We Need A Vote.

Cecil Pendergrass: Yes.

Frank Mann: I Think I Feel Heads Nodding All Around Me.

Larry Kiker: Secondly, And This Is -- I Think This Is Kind Of Like Hugging A Marshmallow Here, So Bear With Me. Actually This Subject Is Going To Be Aimed At Future Work Session. I Hope And The Reason This Came Up Was A Little Place Called San Carlos Island, Which I'm Sure You Have Heard About, And They've Had A Tremendous Amount Of Development Pressure That Appears To Be Headed Their Way, And It Is Not Unlike The Fort Myers Beach Project. It Is Not Like Cork Screw Road With All The Development That's Going To Go On There, And Then Also The Coconut Road And Perhaps Even Babcock Ranch At Some Point In Time. If You Are Looking At The Business Model That We Use Right Now In Lee County, Pretty Much What It Says Is That The Way We Approve Development Is Project By Project, And At No Point In Time Do We Look At The Cumulative Effect Of Several Developments In One Area And I Think We Were Calling That Like An Overlay. Is That Right, Richard?

In All Likelihood, Yes, If We're Referencing Something Like We Did In The Wild Blue Development And Couple Of Those Other Developments That Came Along And It's An Overlay, Almost A Special Study Area.

Really What I'm Talking About Here Is If You Look At The Process That We Have, Whenever You Go In To These Areas You Either Get Input From Communities In Terms Of Organizations That Get Together And Say They Want To Discuss A Development Area, If You Will, And You Have It In Municipalities, Most Of All. That's

Where You Get Your Public Input. The County Does Not Really Participate In That So Much. The Other Way It Comes Is Through A Developer Making Application Or Getting Ready To Make An Application In Which They're The Ones That Have Public Input. Not So Much Us. So Through Perhaps An Overlay Process Or Something Along That Line What I'm Trying To Talk About Is Maybe I Can Look At Our Business Model, And We May Need In A Policy Setting Form Take A Look At The Business Model And See If We Need To Make Some Adjustments Or Some Changes Because I Don't Think It's Really Going To Apply To Groups Like San Carlos Island Where The Pressure On Infrastructure On The Environment And Even Industry There Because We Have To Worry About The Shrimping Industry, If You Will, Which Is The Third Largest In The State Of Florida. We Could Actually Ruin That And Make It Go Away. We Have To Be Really Careful What We're Doing Here, And We Just Don't Have A Way To Get Our Arms Around That So That That Information Can Come To This Board When We Make Decisions About Projects. Did You Want To Add To That?

San Carlos Island, Commissioners, Creates Pretty Interesting Conversation. You Know, It's An Unincorporated Area Of Lee County Units. It's Very Densely Populated, As You All Know, With Some Long, Long-Time Residents Who Live There And There Are Different Groups That You Want To See Redevelopment And No Redevelopment. You Know, All Those Arguments. While These Applications For Development Orders Come Through And That Begins To Reshape Areas And Begin To Determine What The Sort Of Future Redevelopment Or Growth Is Going To Look Like, That's The Process That We've Always Used, But I With Like To Opportunity To Get With Them, With Our Staff. Doug And Dave Loveland's Staff And Have A Conversation About Perhaps A Little Change In Our Model. Cities Very Often Do Visioning Projects, And They Create Special Redevelopment Areas For Any Number Of Reasons. Mostly To Make Sure That There's -- They Get A Real Broad Cross-Section Of Public Input In Advance Of Developers Submitting Applications. It's Not Something That We Have Done In Unincorporated Areas Because It Tends To Be Very Difficult In Rural Areas Or Unincorporated Areas Where Our Service Levels Are Significantly Different Many Times Than In A City, For Example, And The Corporate Area Is Much Broader. I Would Like To Have Conversation And Come Back To The Board When We Have Some Options To Perhaps Think About Where We Might Take A Look At An Area Like San Carlos Island And Perhaps Do A Community Sort Of Visioning Project Down There So We'll Get The Real Cross-Section Of How The Residents And Business Owners And Shrimping Industry And Everywhere Else. How They All Really Feel. Normally When A Development Order Comes In And We Can Put A Stake In During That Process. There Are Factions That Show Up, And They State Their Case Before The Hearing Examiner Or, You Know, Or There's Negotiations Along With The Staff And All Those Things You Talk About. I Think The Point Should Be Well Taken That The Problem Is Going To Be A Little Different. If You Don't Mind, I Would Like To Take A Little Bit Of Time To Talk About It And See If There Are Some Options To Think About. I Don't Know That There Are. I'm Not -- Today I Don't Understand The Legal Implications For That Something That Sounds Like That Kind Of A Process, But I Would Like To Just Sort Of Have An Exploratory Conversation With Doug And Dave Loveland And His Staff And Some Other Folks And There Was A Time When Our Comp Plan Was First Created. I Forget What The Total Population Of Lee County Unincorporated Was In 1984 Far Less Than It Is Today And Development Now Is Rampant. If We're Going For Preserve The Quality Of Life That Will You All Have Expressed Such An Interest In, Maybe It's Time To Take A Look At Our Process And See If There Is, You Know, Some Better Information We Can Provide To You All When You Make Your Policy Decisions And, You Know, Maybe Talk About This In A Work Session After We've Had A Chance To Toss It Around A Little Bit.

Mr. Chairman, It Would Be My Request That We Have Staff Begin That Work Effort To Come Back To Us When Appropriate With Information.

Frank Mann: I Think It's Clear What You Are Asking For, And They're Prepared To Move In That Direction. It's Going To Require A Motion.

No, Sir. If There's Consensus Here, That's Fine.

Frank Mann: Just While We're On It, I Don't Know Where We Stand As Far As Y'all's Internal Review Of The Whole Planning Effort. We Kind Of Directed You All A Year Ago When We Were At The Bus Station To Do Some Reviews And See If We Could Deal With Inconsistencies. There Were Some Buzz Phrases. I Don't Know. I Don't Want A Full Report Right Now, But If You Tell Me Would That Fit Into -- Would We Bring That In For A Landing Any Time Soon Because Other Beings As On Comp Plans For Individual Community Plans Is Put On Hold For Now And That's Frustrating For Some Of The Folks That Thought They Were Moving Forward.

Thee Very Actively Pursuing The Modifications. I Don't Know The Exact Timeline Right Now, But It Is A High Priority Effort.

Frank Mann: Maybe Sometime Just Come Give Me A Personal Briefing On Where That Stands And What It Looks Like. Thank You. Appreciate It. Let Me Dovetail On That.

Larry Kiker: I Have One More. Again, I Thank You For Your Patience. Last But Not Least, Village Of Estara. I Would Like To Begin With My Thanks To Mayor Betos And The Two Gentlemen That Worked As Their Town Manager Over The Last Year And Putting Together The First Service Agreement With Lee County. In The Meantime, It Is Now Getting Close To September. It's Time Again To Renew The Service Agreement With The Village Of Estara In Which There Were Three Or Four Projects That Are Going To Have To Be Discussed Or Need To Be Discussed By This Board Along With One Of The Things That We Asked For Is That In Putting The Service Agreement Together We Needed Them To Identify What Roads They Wanted To Take Over And Service Themselves. Since Then They Have By Board Election Have Named Councilman Bill Ribble Assist The Liaison For Negotiating The Next Service Agreement And Along With That I Think They've Identified Some Projects That They Wanted To Bring To Your Attention As Well As What They Would Like To Have Happen On The Roads. The Reason This Becomes Pertinent Now, Which Is -- They're In The Process Of Putting Together Their First Budget, And There Is A Feeling, I Believe, With That Board That There's Going To Be Some Impact, If Not Significant, To That Budget Process, So We May Have To, I Guess, This Is Going To Be, If You Will, A Push On This Board To Help Get Us Through That Piece Of It, And If You Would Allow Me Councilman Ribble Is Here, And He Would Like To Address The Board On This Subject.

Frank Mann: Do You Think That Would Be Appropriate Under Commissioner Items? Councilman, Good To Have You Here. Thank You For Your Patience.

Thanks For Having Me. Mr. Chairman And The Board Of Commissioners. Mr. Kiker Has Taken About 20 Minutes Of My Presentation. I'll Keep It To A Minute And A Half As Requested. I Think If You Remember The Old Song -- Up To Three And A Minute.

You Remember The Song The Four Tops, It Was The Same Old Song. Well, We're Back Here Again To Talk About Estaro Parkway, And Commissioner Kiker Contacted Us A Couple Of Weeks Ago, And He Said This Thing Is Getting To Be Like Gang-Tackle. If You Would Get Your Heads Together As A Council And Pick One To Represent The Council And I Guess I Got The Short Straw Because They Unanimously Nominated Me To Do This. You Folks Have Heard The Request Before. The Numbers Have Changed. When I First Heard These Numbers Back In January Of 2015 When We Were Told We Each Had Two-Year Terms, The Three Of

Us, We Came Up And Had A Couple Of Meetings At That Point. The Number For The Sidewalks And The Repaving Estaro Parkway Was \$2.6 Million. We're Here Today To Ask -- Since Then The Numbers Have Been Adjusted Because I Understand There's Been Some Ways Of Repaving Less Expensive And The Sidewalks Being A Little Less Expensive. That Being The Completion Of Sidewalks \$1,685,000 And \$500,000 For The Street To Be Repaved On Estaro Parkway, And You Folks Have Been Around Long Enough To Know There's Been Four Large Community Meetings. Our Foundation Director Wayne Smith Is Going To Tag On To What He Has Found In His Survey. Florida Gulf Coast University Spent A Lot Of Time Doing Analysis. I Think You Folks Have Heard Their Data. I Would Like The Cooperation In Achieving Those Funds So We Can Move Forward With Our Budget, And Then When It Comes To Streets, We're Prepared To Take Over All The Streets And All The Main -- We Would Like To Get That In Our Budget, Except For Cork Screw East Of 41. I Come To See You Today With Those Two Requests, And Then I'll Reserve Comments For Any Questions You Have.

Larry Kiker: A Couple Of Things. I Think I've Had Some Discussion With Mr. Desjarlais And Glen. Good Job This Last Month, By The Way. Thank You. Thank You Very Much For Stepping In. There's Several Things That We Need To Discuss. One Is Taking Over All The Roads. I Believe That You -- Staff Had Some Concern Over A Couple Of Them. This May Absolutely Leded A Policy Decision Is What I'm Hearing From You, But Maybe You Want To Talk About That.

Sure. Commissioners, The -- We've Been Attempting To Negotiate An Awful Lot Of This For The Last Year And, You Know, Says Our Thanks To The -- To Those We've Worked With In The Village, But We've Been Unable To Come To Agreement On Some Of These Issues. First And Foremost, We Probably The Highest Priority We Think Would Be Make Sure We've Got The Next Service Agreement In Place Because The Existing One Expires In September. We Have To Make Sure We Get That, We Concentrate On That And Make That A High Priority. Secondly, The Ownership Of The Roads, You Know, We Have Always Operated On What We Believe To Be The Best Practice And Not To Get In The Weeds Too Much Today, But We Have Always Kept Those Roads That Are Part Of The County Wide Network And Connect Communities That Are High Priority For Hurricane Evacuation And Roads That We Would Have Control Over To The Future, Increasing Capacity Projects, Capital Projects, As We Continue To Grow And Have More Traffic. We've Always Done That And Negotiating Staff Level And Brought It To The Board For Approval, But What We've Never Done Is Have A Policy Conversation With You Or Other Boards About Those Issues What Does The Board Feel About Maintaining Ownership And Control Of The Arterials, For Example, That Might Be A Four Lane Today, But Ten Years From Now Might Require Six Laning. If A City Owns Those Roads We Then Have The Opportunity To, You Know, Reduce Capacity Or Not Be In Expansion Of Capacity Going To Six Lanes As An Example. We Think We Would Like To Have That Conversation With You In A Work Session Like We've Done So Many Times Taking Up Transportation. That's Number Two. Number Three, Several Months Ago The Board, You All Asked Us To Create Criteria That You Could Consider For Road Projects And Capital Projects And Capital Maintenance Projects And You Took Formal Action On Any Number Of Roads, And The Repaving Of Coastal Parkway, I Mean, Estaro Parkway Was Not Part Of That -- Is Not Currently A Project, So If It Is Your Intention To Have Us Reengage On That Issue, Repaving And Then -- You Know, For Kind Of -- We Think To Maybe Some Other Items That Still Require Conversation With The Community Of Estaro. There's Been Conversation About Ownership Of The Park, Estaro Community Park, Control Of The Rec Center, The Potential -- Potential Project Putting A Charter School On One Of The Borders Beyond Park Property With A Land Swap With The Developer. You Know, It's Not Terribly Complex, But It's Nonetheless Been A Conversation. Commissioner Kiker, What We Would Like To Do, I Think, Is Kind Of Get All This In Proper Order And Bring It Back For Some Policy.

Larry Kiker: I Did Have A Discussion With Councilman Ribble, And I Think That There Was An Acknowledgment On His Part And Their Part For The Major Road Arteries. That Discussion Needs To Take Place. I Don't Think That It Had Immediate Budgetary Impact, So I Think That You've Got Time On That One. I Do Think Best Practice May Not Prevail With What They're Asking For, So It Does -- It Is Going To Take A Lot Of Discussion, Staff To Make Some Sort Of Recommendation That We Can Talk About. I Would Agree On That One. The Second Piece Of It Is That In Turn, If I Understand What You Are Saying Correctly, Is That There Are Some Items That Might Affect Lee County's Budget As Well That You Would Like For Them To Consider, So Maybe We're Going To Be Sending Them A Couple Of Things That They Might Need To Discuss, And Then Lastly, Which Is What I Would Like To See Happen, Says Is Ask Staff If They Can Prepare A Blue Sheet For As Soon As Possible Which Might Even Include Our Next Meeting And Talk About The Dollar Amount, The \$2.1 Million, That Was Mentioned Of Whether Or Not This Board Would Support That Or Not Or What The Options Might Be Not To Exclude I Think That You Wrote A Letter That We Would Go In 50-50 With Them On The Projects All The Way Up Until What I Heard The Ask Was Is That I Think Reasonably They Have A Desire For Us To Pick Up The Tab On The \$2.1 Million Going Into Them Taking Ownership Of Those Roads. I Would Ask If The Staff Could Prepare That Document As Soon As Possible And Shoot For Next Week. I Mean, Two Weeks From Now.

John Manning: May I? I Apologize.

I Did Leave Off My List Of Things To Talk About Here. This One Is The Sidewalks. It's Been A High Priority For The Village. You Know, As You Know, There Are Segments Of Sidewalks That Have Been Constructed By Developers Over Time, And There Are Breaks And Gaps If Those Sidewalks. Doesn't Make It Very Usable. We Did Offer Up During Negotiations That We Would Recommend To The Commission A 50-50 Cost Sharing On Those Sidewalks Based On A Five-Foot Wide Standard Sidewalk. We Understand The Village Is Interested, More Interested, In Something That Looks Like -- Eight To Ten Feet Wide. You Know, I Think There's Still More Conversation To Be Had Around That One As Well. Commissioner, We Can -- If The Board Agrees, We Will Prepare A Blue Sheet Bringing All This Back To You As Soon As We Can. Please Don't Hold Me The Next Board Meeting. We Will Do Our Best, But We May Not Make It By The --

Larry Kiker: Through Discussions -- This Has Been Going On For Quite Some Time. It's More Complicated Than Yes-No. I Hope That We At Least Get A Week's Notice Of The Information So That You Can Sit Down With Everybody And Talk To Them Individually About What's Going On.

The Proposed Budget And Policy Implications.

Larry Kiker: Then At The Same Time Maybe You Should -- We Could Prepare Some Concerns Or Opportunities That We Might Have With Them In Terms Of How It Might Affect Our Budget As Well. Perhaps Both Of Those.

Again.

Cecil Pendergrass: I'm Other. I Did A Site Check Of Estaro Parkway To See What It's Like. It Visibly Has Some Rough Areas. My Concern Is -- I Support Repaving Them. As Far As Funding Goes. I Met With Nick Betos About It. What Is The City Doing With Their Gas Tax? They've Been Collecting Tacks From Residents. What Are They Doing With That Money. How Much Money Do They Have In Reserve For Gas Tax And Also Could That Money Be Used For Some Of These Projects Also. Also, Other Cities -- We Have Areas Right Now. I Got An E-Mail Yesterday Of The Roads In Lehigh Acres, They're Completely Under Water, And The Residents

Are Not Able To Get Home. These Are County Roads. There's No Progress. The County Roads Are Water Standing. There's Holes Three Feet Deep In The Roads. Are We In A Position Where Cape Corral And Other Cities Will Say, Hey, We Need Roads Repaired Too. Need You To Pay For This Too. That's Something I'm Concerned With. I Don't Believe We Have A Process Like The Sidewalks. I Know We've Keep Come To An Agreement On The Sidewalks, But The Size Is An Issue. Five Ten, Ten Foot, Eight Foot. My Question Is Do We Know How Much Money They Have In Reserves From Gas Tax And Collecting Fees At 100% And What Is The Money Being Used For?

Mr. Chair. Commissioner, I Think We Have That Information, But We've Not Had -- We're Not Sure How Their Budget Process Has Gone And How They Intend To Appropriate Those Dollars At This Point.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Pendergrass, Thank You For Those Comments. Are You About -- I Wanted To Tag On To What You Both Have Been Saying Here. We Got The Representative Of The Village Here, And Thank You Guys For Coming And Spending Your Whole Morning With Us. I Have Been In Estaro A Number Of Times. I Have Had An Opportunity To Come Down There, And I Also Went Down There And Visited With The Mayor And He Wouldn't Let Me Go Before -- The Car Was Strapping Me In. I Want To Show You The Sidewalks And Resurfacing The Areas. We Heard About That, But Really Haven't Been Able To Get Our Arms Around It Since You All Became A City Down There. And I Didn't Make Any Commitment To The Mayor During That, But As I Thought About It And Reviewed It, The Sidewalks That Roger Just Mentioned, They Frankly Jumped Out At Me. Historically A Developer Be Built One And The Next Place There Wasn't A Developer. Nothing Got Built, And Then One Came Here. For Some Reason The Next Developer, He Wasn't Forced To. It Didn't Get Done For Whatever Reason. Crossed The Street The Same Way. The Sidewalks Are Utterly Unusable. Since We Kind Of Donated All Of That To You When You Became A City, I Feel Some Obligation To Deal With That. The County Has Been Trying To Do Something Through The 50 Sharing Deal, But The Type Of Renovation Or Completion Is Subject To More Discussion Yet. The City Doesn't Kind Of Like What We Offer To Pay Half Of, But I Would Be Very Supportive Of Us Committing Fairly At The Very Least 50-50, And Let's Have That Discussion On A Different Date, Method Of Completion Of That Project. Boys, I Want To Tell You, Though, While You're Here And Thank You For Touching On This, Commissioner Pendergrass, We Accepted For Ownership And Maintenance 1500 Miles Of Roads In Lehigh Acres Alone 35, 40 Years Ago. The Developer Had Gone Broke Two Or Three Times, And The Only Hope They Had For Any Help Was From The County. We Didn't Have A Budget At The Time, Nor Do We Now To Deal With All That, But Thanks To Actually The County Manager's Insistence, We Own These, We Need To Take Better Care. This Very Year We're Doing A Much Better Job Than We Have Done, And We Tentatively Put That Into The Budget, But I Would Advise Any Of You And/Or Your Friends And Colleagues From The Town To Ride Out One Afternoon And Do The Same Tour There That I Did Around Lehigh, And You Will Almost Be Embarrassed To Ask Us For Help On Your Road, Which Is Imminently In Better Condition Than The Ones I'm Talking About Right Now. Put Me In, Coach, For A Second On Whatever We Can Do To Make The Sidewalk Project Come Together, And I Don't Know Whether We Do That Between Now And September 20th On The Budget Or Whether We -- It Might Better Be Handled There, But I Don't Know. For Now I Guess We'll Leave This In Roger's Capable Hands To See How To Move Forward.

Brian Hamman: The One Comment Our Money Is Finite. I Would Like To See If Some Project Is Going To Get Money That Wasn't Budgeted For Money, Then Some Project Is Probably Going To Lose Money. I Would Like To Know What Affect That Has On Our Capital Improvement Plan That We've Already Kind Of Been Working Towards.

Depending On Your Policy Calls On Any Number Of These Items, You Know, There Are A Number Of Creative Ways To Get From Point A To Point B On Any Of These Things, But We Would Come Back And Show All That.

A Quick Reminder That That Project Has Been Number One On The List For Bpac For Several Years Now, And As You Know, With Mpo As Well. Just Like To Put It On There. Thank You Very Much. If We Can Target A Date Where We Can Bring This Back For Official Consideration And Sooner Than Later, Be Great.

We'll Get This Together As Quickly And Responsibly As We Can For You.

Frank Mann: Further Commissioner Items, Or We Beat This Horse To Death? Back To You, Roger. County Manager Items?

No, Sir. We're All Good. Thank You. Just Reminder That There Not Be A Work Session This Afternoon.

Frank Mann: Thank You For That Reminder. I Bet We Didn't Need It, But Thank You. Oh, Yes. I'm Sorry.

Larry Kiker: I Think That We Ought To Say Thank You Mr. Sawyer For Standing In. Also, Didn't You Tell Me That Charlotte County Just Adopted The Growth Increment Funding Program Last Night So We're Making Inroads To Other Counties. Congratulations On The Program.

Mr. Chair, I Was Negligent Today, And I Planned To Do It Later, But, You Know, I Was Gone For 30 Days, And I Checked Out. You Know, I Didn't Get Involved With Any County Business During That Period. Month Of July. You Guys Did Such A Great Job. Glen Is Not The Smartest Guy In The Office, But, You Know, He Did A Very Good Job. He Did A Great Job. Really --

Cecil Pendergrass: He Even Came In With The Mustache. He Is Really Playing The Part. Aren't You?

He Was Using The Parking Spot. Everything.

Cecil Pendergrass: He Was In Different Cars, Corvette, Convertible.

I Couldn't Be More Proud Of These Guys. They Did A As You Person Job.

Frank Mann: Let The Record Reflect That The County Train Did Not Fall Off The Track While You Should The Leadership Of Mr. Sawyer Down There. Thank You For The Whole Support Team That Made July Go Real Easy.

Thank You, Mr. Chair.

Frank Mann: Councillor.

Cecil Pendergrass: Commissioners, One Item,, Please. At The Risk Of Going Back To The River Hall Issue As You All Have Previously Discussed, This Matter Was Set To Be Heard Before The Governor And The Cabinet Sitting As The Administration Commission Today. There Have Been Some Discussion About Moving That Final Hearing To The September 20th Meeting Of The Administration Commission. As You Are All Aware, September 20th Is Also This Board's Final Budget Adoption Hearing Dated. Given That At Least One Of You Has Expressed An Interest In Going And Writing And Others Have Expressed An Interest In Attending That Meeting As Well. I'm Requesting Board Authorization To Contact The Governor Of The Cabinet To Request

A Postponement Until A Mutually Convenient Date That's Past The September 20th Date That Was Previously Discussed.

Frank Mann: I'm Okay With That.

I Agree.

Brian Hamman: One Thought I Had Is Could You Request If Maybe All Five Of Us Could Attend The Meeting? Why Have Just One Of Us?

Frank Mann: Because One Is Volunteering. They Will Let Anybody Speak That Comes.

Cecil Pendergrass: You Don't Go, We Won't Go. I Won't Go In You Don't.

Frank Mann: I'm Not Going On The Plane With All Five Much You.

Brian Hamman: I Won't Take The County Plane.

Cecil Pendergrass: You Take Your Private Plane. I'm Drive My Hybrid.

Frank Mann: He Needs Permission To Ask For The Postponement For The Next Reasonable Opportunity.

Yes, Sir. The Earliest Date From September.

Frank Mann: You Got Consensus To Move Forward In That Direction.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You. We Now Have Some Patient Folks Out There That Are Here To Speak To Us On Any Item Dear To Their Heart. All Sessions. You Still With Us? Well, Come Join Us. Didn't Mean To Wake You Up If You Were Resting Back There.

Thank You For Your Time For Hearing Me Out Here. The Reason Why I'm Here Today Is To Talk To You About The Fort Myers Beach Arches. I Know Some Of You Probably Still Remember Those. They Were Arches That Were Built Back In 1924 By A Developer Todd Phillips, In Anticipation For A Subdivision That Was Going To Go In, But That Never Happened. In 1926 The Hurricane Came Through Here And Actually Had Cut The Hurricane Path, The First Little Bridge That You Come To, And That Actually Cut Off The Original Entrance Over There To The Beach. I Have Worked The Graveyard Shift. I've Been Up For Almost A Day. Because Of The 1926 Hurricane They Decided That They Needed A New Route To The Beach, And That's Where San Carlos Boulevard Came Into Play. They Actually Integrated San Carlos Boulevard Into Those Arches, And The Arches Actually Were A Part Of -- A Big Part Of People's Lives. I Know When I Was A Kid -- When You Crossed Underneath Those Arches, You Were There At The Beach. You Know, When People Who Lived On The Island When They Crossed Under The Arches, They Knew They Were Home. They Had A Lot Of Meaning To A Whole Lot Of People. In The Presentation That You Have, There's A Lot Of Quotes From These People To Give You An Idea Of What It Meant. In 1979 It Was Decided That There Was A New Bridge That Was Needed So They Decided Those Arches Had To Go Because They Were Just Simply In The Way. We Have Located Actually The Original Arches, And They Are -- They've Still Belong To The Contractor Who Was Hired To Take Them Away, And The Grandson Who Is Actually Here Today With Us Has Volunteered If We Can Use That Material In Getting The New Arches Put Back Right There At San

Carlos And Main Street. I'm Actually Just Here Today Because I Need Support From You Guys To Submit This To F Dot When This Time Comes With Engineering.

Frank Mann: You Run Out Of Time. Your District Commissioner Wants To Try To --

If You Could Kindly Come By My Office. I Had Heard. I'm Glad To Meet You. Didn't Know How To Get Ahold Of You. There Was Also Some Other Ideas Along The Way That I Would Like To Discuss With You, So Downstairs District Three And Love To Have A Conversation.

I Will Make An Appointment And See You Soon.

Larry Kiker: You Bet.

Cecil Pendergrass: Could I Ask One Question. Do You Have All The Material? Is It All Restored? Is It Only Partially? Is All The Material Still There, Or Is Some Of It Gone?

It's Still There. It's Actually In That Subdivision Actually Kind Of Spread Out. It's In Behind The Fort Myers Bowling Alley. There's Still A Lot Of Big, Huge Chunks That Was Left.

Larry Kiker: I Know Folks That Have It In Their Backyard. They Kind Of Absconded With It.

Frank Mann: While You Are Still Here, I Am Old Enough To Remember. I Remember It Vividly The Arches. They're Beautiful. They're Historic, And I Would Love To See Them Come Back. Like Mr. Caldwell Sent A Letter Of Support. He Had Sent A Bag Of Money With It. The Bottom Line Here, Are You Asking The County -- It's He Going To Cost, I Don't Know, \$1 Million To Do Something Like This. Are You Asking To Support The Idea And The Concept And Okay The Permit, Or You Want Us To Pay For It?

Well, What We Need -- We Need -- Because San Carlos Is A State Road, We Need -- In Order To Present This Officially For Review To Fdot, We Need A Government Entity To Do That For Us.

Frank Mann: I'll Leave You Two To Your Own Devices. Wish You Well.

Brian Hamman: May Want To Bring It Up As An Item At The Metropolitan Transportation Council As Well Where We Meet With Fdot, And There Was Also Some Thoughts Of Maybe Doing It At Crescent Beach Park And Having A Smaller Version Of It And Recapture That. That Would Be Tdc Money. That Would Be Us. There's A Lot Of -- There's Some Good Ideas.

Frank Mann: Rachel. Welcome Back.

Thank You. A Lot Of What I Was Going To Talk About Has Already Been Mentioned, Such As The Balance The Budget And, Of Course, We Know Those Were Balanced By Raiding 2020 Funds And By Decimating The Extension Office And By Voting Down The Cutting The Impact Fees First To 20% And Then To 45. Our Long-Time Residents Have Paid Our Way. It's Time For Developers And New People To Pay Their Way. Now, I'm Going To Skip Over To The Part About My Husband Who Was Laid Off Along With The Safety Department, And I Would Just Love To Know If Those Buildings Have Been Fixed, If The Fire Hazards Are Gone And I Would Like To Dispute The Fact That There's All This Legal Fees Saved Because If You Guys Would Settle The Animal Control Issue And The Economic Develop Issue, You Would Have Saved Millions Of Dollars In Fees, Legal Fees. My Husband And I Are Not The Type. We Should Have Filed A Whistle Blower Fee, And I Do Want You To Know That He Got \$10,000 Lousy Dollars Last Month For Two Broken Femurs

And A Herniated Disk Of Lee County's Legal Team Disputed The Fact Even Though Dr. Desoe Is The Best Neurologist In Town, Claims And Verifies That My Husband's Herniated Back Is From A Workman's Comp Claim. Congratulations. You've Saved The County A Lot Of Money, And I Just Hope You Are Really Proud Of Yourself. Dave Harner, Good Job. You're Right. This County Is Strong And Conservative, But I'm Not Sure In The Right Way. All I Can Say Is There's An Election Coming Up, And Fort Myers Beach And The Rest Of Lee County Is Not Going To Forget You Larry Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Good. Thank You.

And You're Going To Be Hearing A Lot More In The Coming Weeks. I Don't Know Why You Thought We Wanted You To Give Away Crescent Beach Village.

Frank Mann: We Appreciate Your Comments. We Try To Leave Names --

I Didn't Know That. Okay. Hamman Brought You Up. I Thought I Could Bring Up Kiker.

Larry Kiker: You Can Always Talk To Me Later, If You Like.

I Would Love To Talk To You.

Larry Kiker: Sure.

And Mr. D, You Promised Me I Would Talk To Me About My Husband's Chronic Condition, And That Was On A Friday Afternoon, And He Was In Surgery, And I Still Have Your Card, And I'm Still Waiting For That Phone Call. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Ms. Singletary For Your Patience With Us. Robert Williams.

Judy Griffin Will Be Next.

Hi, Gentlemen. My Name Is Robert Williams. I'm A Third Generation Floridan. I'm Also Here To Talk About The Arches At The Beach. To Be More Specific, I'm Here To Talk About Cultural And City Icons. The Eiffel Tower In Paris Was Built For The World Fair, And It Was Supposed To Be Deconstructed Afterwards. It Wasn't. It's Left. When We Think Of Paris, We Think Of The Eiffel Tower. Hollywood, California, The Hollywood Sign That's There Was Actually For A Real Estate Development. It Was Hollywood Hills. That Fell Into Disrepair, And So The Grassroot Efforts Of The Citizens And Also The Hollywood Revitalized That And When We Think Of Hollywood, We Think Of That. When It Comes To The Beach, You Do Remember The Arches And The Swing Bridge. I'm Not Suggesting That We Bring Back The Swing Bridge, But Certainly It Would Be Nice To Bring Back The Arches. There's A Lot Of Old Stories Of People Climbing Up On The Arches At Nighttime. Mr. Mann, I Don't Know If You Did That, But I Have Certainly Climbed On The Rocks Of The Arches Because They're In My Family's Yard, Okay? So I Would Like To See If We Could Get Together And Put Those Arches Back. They're On A Lot Of Postcards. They're On Murals In County Buildings, And There's Something That I Think Was Important To Fort Myers Beach History. It Survived Hurricane Donna, And I Think, You Know, Some Simile Of Them Should Go Back With Modernization Of It. We Certainly Have Some Of The Materials That Originally Made The Arches. Not All Of Them. But Certainly Would Like To Have That Discussion And I Understand I Need To Come To You, Larry, So That's What I Have. Thank You, Gentlemen.

Frank Mann: Thank You For Being With Us This Morning, And Reliving Some Of These Childhood Memories. I Recall The Councilman Who Was Here Earlier And I Mentioned That When He Was A Kid In The 60's, I Remember Those Arches As A Kid In The 40's. Good Luck In Your Mission.

My Grandfather Was Telling Me A Story About Sheriff Wanika Hitting His Back Card Because He Was Kissing His Girlfriend On The North Fort Myers Bridge, So There's Apparently A Lot Of Stories.

Frank Mann: A Lot Of Stories We Probably Don't Want To Put On The Record.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Judy Griffin. Welcome Back.

I Know Y'all Hate To See Me, But I Just Want To Say That This Morning Brought Out Several Things That Caught My Eye In The Scripture. It Says Citizens Ought To Obey Authorities To Promote Fairness And Justice, And I Want To Say To You Each And Every One Of You, I Think You Are Being Right On Spot. We Need A Little Bit More Vice In The -- We Need To Be Able To Protect The Citizens From People Like Uber And I Know You Get My Emails And Friday Night And Saturday Night They Come Out Like Roaches. They're Downtown Fort Myers, Which I Know Is A Different Situation. I'm Going To Them. I Am Going To The City Of Cape Corral. They're Everywhere. People Are Not Aware That They Do Not Have The Correct Insurance, Which Costs Me Approximately \$5,900 Per Car,ing And I Am Up To Almost 200 Cars. You Do The Math. They Are Running Over Me. They Are Driving On Their Private Insurance. They Need Background Checks In The Worst Way. We've Seen This With Things That Happen In Orlando And Airports All Around The Country. They Could Pull Up Any Of Them And I Haven't Had One Case Of Rape In 22 Years. Why? I Background Check. I Want To Thank Each And Every One Of You. I Love That Y'all Are Doing, And I'm So Proud When Cecil Recommended That We Put A Little Vice To Go After Them A Little Bit. Thank You So Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You For Being With Us, Again, Ms. Griffin. Wayne Smith. Oh, He Left. He Was Part Of That Will -- Any Other Members Of The Public Have Issues Of Any Matter That They Would Like To Discuss With Your County Commissioner Today? Hearing None, We Have No Workshop This Afternoon. We Are Adjourned.